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TELEGRAMS.

The Irish Church Question in the House of Commons.

A Proposition to Continue the Union of the Churches Defeated.

Exciting Debate in the French Corps Legislatif.

French Troops to be Speedily Withdrawn from Rome.

The Spanish Nation to be Ruled by a Directory.

Cuban Volunteers Fraternizing with the Insurgent Forces.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Very Opposition to Disestablishment of the Irish Church.

LONDON, Saturday, April 17.

The debate in the House of Commons on the Irish Church bill was resumed last evening. Mr. DISRAELI moved to omit the following clause from the bill:

"On and after the first day of January, 1871, the said union, created by act of Parliament, between the Churches of England and Ireland, shall be dissolved, and the said Church of Ireland, hereinafter referred to as the 'said Church,' shall cease to be established by law."

Mr. DISRAELI supported his proposition in a speech of considerable length, contending that the above clause destroyed the supremacy of the Crown and placed the Church at a disadvantage.

Sir ROBERT P. COLLIER and Sir ROUNDELL PALMER spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Mr. GLADSTONE also made a speech against the amendment. He traversed the statements made by Mr. DISRAELI. He thought, notwithstanding this clause, that the supremacy of the Crown would continue to exist, but in an altered form. If this amendment were successfulbt would absolutely destroy the bill. The union of the churches would continue, but that union must not be enforced by Parliamentary bonds.

Mr. DISRAELI replied. He admitted that his intention was to aim a mortal blow at the bill; but if the motion were accepted the Government could still continue their disendowment policy.

At length the House divided on Mr. DISRAELI's motion, as follows:

For	221
Against	344
Government majority	123

The result was received with tremendous cheers by the Liberals.

Close of the Newmarket Races.

LONDON, Saturday, April 17.

The Newmarket Craven Meeting closed yesterday with five races, the most interesting one being a sweepstakes of ten sovereigns each for two-year olds; colts to carry 129 pounds, fillies 120 pounds; 3 furlongs 217 yards; eleven subscribers and four starters.

Lord St. Vincent's b. f. Violet, by Thunderbolt, out of Bargain.....1
Mr. T. Sillos's br. c. Elthron, by Westerbitt, out of Fayaway.....2
Lord Falmouth's f. Lady Betty, by Trumpeter, out of Miss Bowser.....3

The betting was 2 to 1 against *Violet*; even on *Elfiron*, and 3 to 1 against *Lady Betty*.

FRANCE.

Speech of M. Thiers on the Liberty of France.

PARIS, Saturday, April 17.

The Corps Legislatif was to-day the scene of wild excitement. M. THIERS, in a speech, denounced what is called "the commercial liberty of France as, like the political liberties of the French people, a farce." These words occasioned a heated dispute between the President and M. THIERS, which lasted some time, and threatened to break up the session, but was finally appeased.

M. QUERTIER in some remarks, demanded that the regulation of commercial treaties be vested in the Corps Legislatif, instead of the Crown.

SPAIN.

Directory of Serrano, Prim and Olozaga.

MADRID, Saturday, April 17.

A Directory is said to have been formed, the members of which are SERRANO, PRIM and OLOZAGA.

PORTUGAL.

Dread of a Military Rising.

LISBON, Saturday, April 17.

A military rising is feared in Oporto, and the strictest precautions have been taken by the Government.

ROME.

Withdrawal of the French Troops.

ROME, Saturday, April 17.

It is rumored that the Emperor NAPOLEON has ordered the evacuation of Rome by the French troops in June.

AUSTRIA.

President of the Cisleithian Ministry.

VIENNA, Saturday, April 17.

The Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH has by an autograph decree named Count EDOUARD DE TAAFE President of the Cisleithian Ministry, or Council of the Empire.

ITALY.

Royal Visit to Lisbon.

FLORENCE, Saturday, April 17.

It has been decided that the Duke of AOSTA will visit Lisbon.

NORTH GERMANY.

Responsibility of Prussian Ministers.

BERLIN, Saturday, April 17.

Count BISMARCK has accepted the interpretation of the Responsibility of Ministers' bill, which has just been passed by the North German Parliament. The design of the measure is to check the opposition to the actual management of business.

BELGIUM.

Strike and Rioting by the Belgian Miners.

BRUSSELS, Saturday, April 17.

A strike among the miners near Mons occurred yesterday. The latest dispatches from there state that there was rioting in that region, and much alarm prevailed.

Grain Association Organized in Louisiana.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, April 17.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce a special committee reported in favor of organizing a grain association with a capital of $200,000. Directors and officers will be elected as soon as $50,000 shall have been subscribed, $10,000 of which was subscribed to-night. A committee was appointed to call on the banks and insurance companies and ascertain if they would cooperate by advancing on warehouse receipts. Two bank Presidents present signified their readiness to aid the movement. The meeting adjourned to Wednesday night next.

MEXICO.

Opening of the Mexican Congress—The Speaker Rates the Mexican Journalists—Charges Against the Minister of War—No Rupture Between Juarez and Rosecrans.

HAVANA, Saturday, April 17.

Dates from the City of Mexico to the 10th inst. have been received.

The session of the Mexican Congress was opened on the 1st inst. The speech of President JUAREZ was unimportant.

The speech of Señor LOZADA, the Speaker of the House, commented severely upon the course of the Mexican journals and the public, in attributing personal motives to the members of Congress, on account of their action there. He declared such charges unfounded and insulting.

The following laws have been submitted to Congress: To levy a tax upon mines; to substitute stamps for stamped paper; to abolish custom duties in the interior; to tax arable lands; to issue $15,000,000 in paper currency.

Charges have been preferred in Congress against the Minister of War for his action in the Puebla and Yucatan affairs, which are said to have been cowardly assassinations. Colonel CARALLIDE, who commanded during the disturbances in Yucatan, has also been indicted.

Minister ROMERO presented to Congress an able financial report approved by the rest of the Ministry except LERDO DE TEJADA, who had influenced the tools of President JUAREZ against it. It was expected they would procure the tabling of the report by Congress. The Treasury deficit is $9,500,000.

Congress will suspend certain articles of the Constitution in order to warrant a vigorous prosecution of robbers—which means to execute bandits or suspected persons without trial.

The American Colonel MAYERS is still held in prison. LERDO DE TEJADA declares that he is kept in jail purposely, as he affords a fine opportunity to snub Americans in the treatment of one of their countrymen.

The Sonora revolutionists, it was expected, would declare in favor of the annexation of Mexico to the United States. Other northern States are said to be ready for the same course.

The reports of a quarrel between Minister ROSECRANS and President JUAREZ are unfounded.

A general crisis in the affairs of the Government is imminent. The revolution in Sinaloa is increasing. JESUS GARCIA, at the head of 400 men, has pronounced against the Government.

The Panama Railroad Company's steamer *San Salvador* is engaged in inspecting the ports of Tehuantepec.

General BUCHTA arrived here to-day.

In honor of the Catalonian volunteers, now hourly expected to arrive from Spain, arches have been erected in the vicinity of the Muelle, and other preparations made for an enthusiastic reception.

The Government to-day seized several lots of sugar belonging to persons named in General DULCE's proclamation of yesterday. Hereafter the permission of the Government will be required to enable any person to sell property and produce of all kinds.

Sailed, steamer *Liberty*, for Baltimore.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Saturday, April 17.

The *Advertiser* publishes to-morrow a letter from Bayamo, Cuba, dated the 7th inst., announcing the arrival there of three expeditions from Florida, and the union of the volunteer and patriot forces, which are increasing daily. It says the Spanish troops are deserting and joining the patriots.

Fire in Baltimore—Number of Firemen Injured.

BALTIMORE, Md., Saturday, April 17.

A fire broke out about 9 o'clock to-night in the carpenter shop of J. BRIELL, No. 14 McClelland-alley, between Baltimore and Fayette streets, in the part occupied by COOK (colored) as a cooper shop. The building was a two-and-a-half story brick. Shortly after the fire broke out, the front wall fell outwards in the alley, and a number of firemen were injured. J. ROSS, Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, was impaled on an iron railing, the spear-head of an iron rod piercing his left side near the lung. He is very seriously, if not fatally, wounded. Eight or nine firemen are seriously hurt, and three others are still in the ruins. The fire has been extinguished, and they will soon be got out. The loss on building and stock will amount to several thousand dollars.

The Old and New School Presbyterians.

CHICAGO, Saturday, April 17.

The Chicago Presbytery, Old School, just adjourned after a two day's session at Morris, Ill., adopted a resolution in favor of reunion, either upon the term proposed by the majority of the New School Presbyters, namely, the omission of the explanatory clauses of the first article of the basis, and the omission from the basis of the tenth article, or upon the basis of the common standard of both churches, leaving all the arrangements in the hands of the General Assembly, and complete the reunion without further reference to the Presbyters. The delegates to the General Assembly were instructed to act in accordance with the spirit of this resolution.

Committal of a Contumacious Witness in Boston.

BOSTON, Saturday, April 17th.

In the Senate to-day, THOMAS DREW was again arraigned, in custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and persisting in his refusal to be sworn as a witness before the Joint Special Committee appointed to investigate certain charges against certain railway companies for improperly influencing the legislation, an order passed committing him (DREW) to the Suffolk Jail for twenty-five days, unless, in the meantime, he assents to the requirements of the committee.

British Ship Ashore at Cape Cod.

BOSTON, Saturday, April 17.

The British ship *Queen of the Age*, from Yokohama, *via* New-York, went ashore at 3:30 o'clock this morning, between Nasett and Highland Light, Cape Cod. She went on at high water, but as the sea is very smooth and the wind is off shore, it is expected she will be got off without much damage. Assistance has been sent to her. She has on board 10,000 packages of tea.

Railway Employe Crushed to Death.

WORCESTER, Mass., Saturday, April 17.

An employe of the Worcester and Nashua Railroad, named CLARK, was crushed to death this morning while shackling cars in the freight yard in this city.

The old Red House, on the Clappville road, five miles from this city, was burned this morning by fire in the woods; loss $2,000.

Assassination of a Member of the Georgia Legislature.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Saturday, April 17.

Dr. BENJAMIN AYER, a member of the Georgia Legislature, was found on Friday morning lying dead by the roadside, near Louisville, Ga. He had been shot between the eyes.

Survey of the Ohio Suspension Bridge.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, April 17.

Commissioners from New-York have been viewing the Suspension Bridge to-day with a view to get plans for a similar bridge over East River.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

CLEVELAND, April 17.—SHOLL's slaughter-house was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss was $12,000; and the insurance $6,500. Sparks ignited the roofs of the barrel-works of O. W. CROWELL, which were destroyed, entailing a loss of $12,000; insurance $6,000. The danger to a portion of the city was imminent, on account of the high winds prevailing at the time.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 17.—The salvage on the ship *Dolores Urquiza* is $8,000.

CONNELLSBURG, Penn., April 17.—W. L. VALENTINE was assassinated within a half a mile of this place last night, dragged from his house and robbed of $450.

WASHINGTON.

Fifty More Nominations by the President—Nominations Confirmed—The Adjournment of the Senate.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 17.

Exactly fifty new nominations were sent by the President to-day to the Senate. A. T. TOMLINSON, of Delaware, nominated to be Minister at San Salvador, and ALEX. L. RUSSELL, of Pennsylvania, who goes as Minister to Ecuador, are both old Generals of the Army of the Potomac. The former was distinguished as a cavalry officer, and the latter won his honors as commander of the Pennsylvania infantry. F. E. DUMAS, a colored man from Louisiana, who has been sent in for the Mission to Liberia, is favorably spoken of by persons from that State for his ability. H. D. KIRK, who was withdrawn on Thursday for the Foo Chow Consulship, was to-day renominated for Kingiang, China. The bulk of the nominations consisted of minor post-office appointments, about which there was no struggle of any consequence.

THE SENATE CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate in Executive Session to-day confirmed the nomination of G. C. CROWE to be Governor of New-Mexico. Mr. CROWE was strongly urged by Senator WARNER, and there was quite a discussion on his case. The newspaper attacks on Mr. CROWE are, in many respects erroneous. He was not a voluntary participant in the late war, and was forced into the army only under the general conscription. At the close of hostilities he took an active part in his State in forwarding the work of reconstruction, and was on the stump last Fall for GRANT and COLFAX. WILLIAM A. HOWARD, of Michigan, was also confirmed as Minister to China, in place of J. ROSS BROWNE.

ADJOURNMENT.

The probabilities are that the Senate will adjourn on Wednesday or Thursday of the ensuing week. The President has not so far afforded any indication of the number of nominations likely to be sent in, but it is generally believed that the list is about exhausted. All the principal offices have been distributed, and it is surmised that there will be few, if any more changes until next December. The Senate has several treaties still unacted on before it, but they might be all disposed of in one day. It is pretty certain that the San Juan Treaty will be rejected.

The number of people at the Capitol to-day was so small that it cannot be dignified with the name of a crowd. The President's Message was received about 3 o'clock, after which almost all those who had gone there in the hope of learning something new or of witnessing an excitement quietly went to their homes and hotels.

THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

Mr. HARVEY, contractor and builder has instituted a suit for $14,000 against General HOWARD. Mr. HARVEY was the contractor for the erection of Howard University. And this suit grows out of a contract made with General HOWARD, in which it was specified that the brick should be the patent of which the University is built. This suit will probably bring out some interesting facts connected with the patent brick, among them the written protest, said to be signed by Professor LOOMIS and Dr. SUNDERLAND, in which they condemned the patent brick, and declared the building unsafe.

COLORED DELEGATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

A delegation of colored preachers of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, now in conference in this city, waited upon President GRANT this morning, headed by Bishops JOHNS and MOORE. They were kindly received by the President, and an address was delivered by Rev. W. F. BUTLER, of New-York, congratulating the President on his election to the position he now worthily fills, and thanking him for his impartial administration of laws, and pledging him the support of the colored people and their prayers for his success. The President replied briefly, thanking them for the sentiments expressed, and said he would endeavor to so administer the laws as to have peace at home and abroad, and to do justice to all races and colors, and if he failed it would not be from any want of good intention on his part. He then shook hands with each member of the delegation and they withdrew.

TRANSPORTATION OF BONDED GOODS.

The Secretary of the Treasury has ordered the postponement, until July 1, of the operation of recent regulations requiring all railroads and transportation lines carrying dutiable goods to be bonded for that purpose.

PERSONAL.

General ELY S. PARKER, the new Commissioner of Indian Affairs, was at the Interior Department this morning, and had an interview with Secretary COX. He has not yet received his commission, but it will be ready for him early next week, and he will enter upon the discharge of his duties in the course of a few days.

The vote upon the nomination of EBENEZER D. BASSETT, (colored) of Philadelphia, who was confirmed by the Senate yesterday as Minister to Hayti, was forty-eight yeas to five nays.

Secretary BORIE left this city for his home last night, to be absent until next week.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 17.

NOMINATIONS.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations:

Alfred T. A. Torbert, of Delaware, Minister to Salvador.

Alex. T. Russell, of Pennsylvania, Minister to Ecuador.

H. A. Mellen, of Arkansas, Minister to the Sandwich Islands.

F. E. Dumas, (colored,) of Louisiana, Minister to Liberia.

T. J. Coffey, of Pennsylvania, Secretary of Legations at St. Petersburg.

Consuls.

Hugo Hildbrandt, of North Carolina, at Canea.
De B. Randolph Keim, of Pennsylvania, at Kiukiang.
Nathaniel Niles, of Illinois, at Victoria.
James Park, of Indiana, at Aix-la-Chapelle.
Charles G. Dyer, of Illinois, at Bristol.
David S. Pinnetts, of West Virginia, Melbourne.

Registers of Land Offices.

John P. Owens, Taylor's Falls, Minnesota.
Ansell Smith, Dunleith, Minnesota.
L. Kasker, Alexandria, Minnesota.
Charles A. Gilmore, St. Cloud, Minnesota.
Robert Gardner, Humboldt, California.
Charles H. Gere, Lincoln, Nebraska.
Edward K. Valentine, West Point, Nebraska.
John H. Stephens, Lagrand, Oregon.
Edwin Frey, Lewiston, Idaho.

Receivers of Public Money.

John M. Pailland, Detroit, Mich.
Wm. F. Chapin, Lincoln, Nebraska.
James Hent, Boise City, Idaho.

Surveyor-General.

Ely Davis, for Nebraska.

Pension Agent.

Joseph P. Moore, Portsmouth, N. H.

Miscellaneous.

George W. Bowie, to be Naval Officer at San Francisco.

Simon Wolf, Recorder of Deeds for District of Columbia.

Wm. W. Rockwell, Collector of Internal Revenue, for the Sixteenth District of New-York.

Elijah J. Payton, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi.

John Milledge, United States Attorney for Georgia.

Postmasters.

Edward A. Clifford, Evanstown, Ill.; S. O. Dunbar, Taunton, Mass.; William H. B. Currier, Amesbury, Mass.; John E. Mole, Adams, Mass.; E. G. Pierce, Jr., Portsmouth, R. H.; Fred. M. Finch, Pouchkeepsie, N. Y.; D. F. Priebus, Morrisania, N. Y.; William Parker, Wenona Station, Ill.; George G. Pond, Milford, Mass.; William M. Ward, Peabody, Mass.; E. V. Martin, Marblehead, Mass.; John Batchelder, Lynn, Mass.; Thomas J. Glasscock, Maryville, Col.; S. Chelsey, Hyack, N. Y.; Mrs. E. B. Johnson, Leavenworth City, Kansas; James M. Taylor, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; Wm. Logan, at Hagerstown, Md.; Joseph E. Jackson, at Union City, Ind.; Hiram L. Grant, at Goldsboro, Ohio; John C. Moon, at Wilmington, Ohio; Robert C. Kinkead, at Greenfield, Ohio; John M. Barrows, at Marietta, Ohio; James Hunter, at St. Joseph, Mo.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate in Executive Session to-day confirmed the following nominations: Lucius D. Kellogg to be General Appraiser for the South.

R. S. Lacy, Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District of Virginia.

Samuel P. Barbee, Postmaster at Danville, Ky.

Edward M. McCook, of Colorado, to be Governor of said Territory.

Charles C. Crowe, of Alabama, to be Governor of the Territory of New-Mexico, vice Robert B. Mitchell, resigned.

William A. Howard, of Michigan, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to China, vice J. Ross Browne, recalled.

NOMINATIONS WITHDRAWN.

The following nominations have been withdrawn: Harrison Adreon, to be Pension Agent at Baltimore; Joseph Brooks, to be Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Second District of Arkansas; James Park, of Indiana, to be Consul at Hesse Darmstadt.

COLORED DELEGATION.

A delegation from the African Zion Conference, now in session in this city, waited on the President this morning. Rev. Wm. H. BUTLER, (colored,) of New-York, presented an address, making a few congratulatory remarks, in response to which the President returned thanks for the compliment of the visit, and stated that he was glad his administration so far had been satisfactory to them. It had been conducted according to conscientious principles, and would be henceforth.

NAVAL ACADEMY.

The following gentlemen have been selected by the President as the Board of Visitors to the Naval Academy at the annual examination in May next: GEO. H. STUART, of Philadelphia; CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, of New-York; Hon. J. R. HAWLEY, of Hartford, Conn.; Dr. E. D. KITLOE, of Galena, Ill.; Hon. H. H. WADSWORTH, of Maysville, Ky.; Judge HUMPHREYS, of Huntsville, Ala.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

The receipts of fractional currency for the week ending to-day amount to $226,000. The shipments for the week are:

To the Assistant Treasurer at Boston	$100,000
To the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia	200,000
To the national banks	208,110

The following amounts are held in trust for the national banks:

As security for circulation	$342,988,600
For public deposits	20,250,250
National bank currency issued during the week	305,220
Total to date	$14,102,026
Fractional currency issued	15,000,000
Insolvent banknotes redeemed	1,058,288
Actual circulation at this date	299,600,725
Fractional currency redeemed	600,000

UNITED STATES SENATE.

Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 17.

The Senate was called to order at noon, after the reading of the journal.

REMOVAL OF DISABILITIES.

Mr. WILSEY presented petitions for the removal of political disabilities, which were referred to the Committee on Disabilities.

PROTEST AGAINST LAND GRANTS.

Mr. SHERMAN presented a memorial and resolutions of the Ohio Legislature protesting against further grants of lands to railroads or for other purposes.

QUESTION OF ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. EDMUNDS then moved to take up the resolution offered by him yesterday providing for an adjournment to-day at 5 o'clock P. M., and signified his intention to offer an amendment fixing next Monday as the day of adjournment.

Mr. CHANDLER suggested making it Tuesday, but the clerk announcing that the resolution was not yet before the Senate.

Mr. SUMNER expressed a hope that it would not be taken up, and urged the propriety of letting it lie over until Monday, when, perhaps, the Senators could see their way through the press of accumulated business, which could not certainly be finished at as early a date as Tuesday.

Mr. CONKLING thought that a time for adjournment should be fixed for the guidance of both the Senate and the President, and suggested the advisability of appointing a committee to wait on the President, and ascertain what amount of business remained to be sent in. He reminded the Senators that if the time fixed for adjournment should find them in arrears with business, the session could readily be extended by a simple vote of the Senate.

Mr. MORTON also thought it would be best to fix a time for adjournment.

Mr. RAMSEY argued that it would be impossible in a few days to examine properly the large number of nominations still pending, and which were coming in at the rate of 150 per day.

Mr. EDMUNDS again insisted that the only way to deal with it was to fix a day for adjournment, to which they could work up. His friend from Massachusetts thought the day of adjournment never should come. He (Mr. EDMUNDS) had good reason to know, and he requested the Senator to listen, that there was nothing connected with the Executive Session in the way of business, aside from treaties, which would prevent an adjournment on Monday afternoon. He therefore submitted whether it was not wise and proper to set a limit to this session!

Mr. SUMNER replied that his information was not in harmony with that of the Senator from Vermont; besides nominations, certain treaties were pending before the Senate, which he was sure could not be adequately discussed and considered by the Senate if that time should be fixed for adjournment. If the Senate proceed by fixing that period for adjournment to thus strike at the pending treaties, that was another thing. He hoped he would be pardoned for saying that the Senator's proposition did necessarily imply that certain treaties should not be considered.

Mr. EDMUNDS differed with the Senator. His proposition to fix a day of adjournment did not necessarily imply that he was opposed to the pending treaties.

Mr. SUMNER repeated that the treaties had not been considered by the Senate, and he insisted on his motion that the Senate go into Executive session.

The question was taken, when no quorum voting.

Mr. RAMSEY moved that the Senate adjourn.

The question was decided in the negative; yeas 4, nays 36.

MOTION TO WAIT ON THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. CONKLING moved the appointment of a committee of two members to wait on the President of the United States and ascertain as far as they can, what further attendance of the Senate is necessary at this session, as to nominations.

Mr. SUMNER raised the point of order that the proposition of the Senator from New-York could not be entertained pending the motion to go into Executive Session.

The Chair sustained the point.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The question was then taken, and by a vote of yeas 30, to nays 8, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Executive business.

The Senate at 3:30 o'clock adjourned.

The Removals in the Treasury Department.

From the Washington Chronicle, April 7.

Day by day the ax decapitates the official heads of employes of this department, and still its appetite is not appeased. It is said that these dismissals are unnecessary and unjust; but the matter appears in a very different light when the fact is considered that on the 1st of March, 1869, there were about 900 more employes in the department than were required to keep up the work, and that unless removals were made the appropriation of the department would fall short. At the date above-mentioned the total number of employes was 2,873, including clerks, messengers and laborers, and exclusive of the force employed in the Printing Bureau, and the reduction therefore included nearly one-third of the whole number employed at that time. Up to yesterday morning about 300 had been removed, and during yesterday Assistant Secretary RICHARDSON signed the removals of sixty clerks of the Second Auditor's and about fifteen of the Fourth Auditor's offices. Up to this time the Second, Third and Fourth Auditor's and the Register's offices have suffered most severely. A few removals of rabid Democrats have been made in the Fifth and Sixth Auditor's and one or two other bureaus of the Treasury; but the lists of recommendations for removal from the offices of the Comptroller's and the Internal Revenue Bureau have not yet been acted on, if completed. The work will be continued until the force of the whole Department is reduced to about 1,600 employes.

In pushing the Reform cause has been exercised to include nearly every enemy of the Administration and every incompetent person; but in many cases others, including persons against whom there was no objection, have necessarily been removed, in order to effect the reduction to the desired numbers.

It may be well to state that no appointments are now being made, and that no vacancies exist in the Department at present.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Saturday, April 17.

BILLS REPORTED.

To incorporate the Methodist Book Concern of New-York. "Authorizing a tax of—per ct for the construction of New-York and repairs on the canals.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. MATTOON—That each Senator shall hand to the Clerk the title of one bill for the preferred calendar, which shall have preference over all other bills or general orders. Adopted.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

Abolishing certain punishments in State Prisons and Penitentiaries. To incorporate the White Plains Water Works. Providing a charter for the Village of Oneida. To incorporate the Citizens' Mutual Gas Company of Auburn. To consolidate acts relative to Jamestown. To authorize Troy to borrow money for the extension of water works. Extending the bounds of Poughkill.

BILLS PASSED.

Amending the law authorizing Oswego, Cayuga and Wayne Counties to take stock in the Lake Ontario and Shore Railroad. To amend the consolidation of Brooklyn and Williamsburg. Relative to the Board for the revision and correction of assessments in New-York—to 8. Providing for the widening of West-street on the westerly side thereof, from the Battery to Hamilton-street. To incorporate the Fidelity Safe Deposit Company of New-York. To incorporate the Fire Department of Binghamton. Creating a new judicial district out of the Seventh Judicial District of the City of New-York. To incorporate the Methodist Book Concern. Providing payment to the Twenty-second Regiment National Guard, for services performed during the war.

Mr. HALL, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill amending the charter of the International Bridge Company, so that it may consolidate with any company in Canada.

On motion of Mr. O'DONNELL, the Governor's annual message was made the special order for Thursday evening next.

The Senate adjourned until Monday evening.

ASSEMBLY.

BILLS PASSED.

Enabling the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Oneida County to hold real and personal estate. To amend the act protecting butter and cheese manufacturers. Relative to widening Fourth avenue, Brooklyn. To consolidate certain churches in New-York into the Second German Baptist Church. To continue the corporate existence of the Lake Ontario, Auburn and New-York Railroad. Relative to attorney's costs in Surrogate Courts. To amend the charter of the Auburn Savings Bank. For improving Twenty-fifth-street, Brooklyn. To incorporate the Rochester Mannerchor. The bill abolishing the contract system of prison labor, was lost by a vote of 51 to 40, not receiving a constitutional majority. Requiring the Brooklyn Ferry Companies to run certain boats in the night time. Amending the charter of Syracuse. Incorporating the Oneida County Savings Bank of Rome. To amend the charter of the New-York and Brooklyn Tubular Tunnel Company. To increase the city fund of Utica. Incorporating the Fulton Market Fishmongers Association.

Mr. SELKRIG presented, from the Comptroller, the annual tax bill. The tax is five mills, or four-fifths of a mill less than last year.

On motion of Mr. FREAR, the Committee on Railroads was discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill relating to the Erie, New-York Central, Hudson River, and Harlem Railway Companies, and the same be now considered in Committee of the Whole. The bill provides that no stockholder or director in the first-named Company shall be a director in the others, and *vice versa*. It also provides for the classification of directors, so that one-fourth shall go out of office annually.

The Committee of the Whole reported favorably on the bill.

Mr. W. W. CAMPBELL moved to refer the bill back to the Railroad Committee. Lost, ayes 28, noes 62. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

In relation to the Wallabout Improvement of Brooklyn.

REPORTS.

Punishing the issuing and using of fraudulent certificates of naturalization. To amend the acts relative to evidence.

Adjourned till Monday evening.

THE SHIPPING-NEWS BILL.

Reasons Why it Should not Become a Law.

A circular has been published for presentation to the State Legislature, in which the following reasons are presented against the passage of Assembly bill No. 154, known as the Shipping-News bill:

First—The amendment proposed in the bill will sanction a practice which the Legislature has uniformly prohibited. Quarantine was first instituted in the Port of New-York.

In the general Quarantine act passed on the 30th of March, 1801, it was expressly enacted:

"That if any person shall go on board of, or have any communication or dealings with, any vessel lying at Quarantine without permission first obtained in writing with the signature of the Health Officer, he shall be considered and adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor." (FW. & S., p. 288, sec. 10.)

The Quarantine act of 1811 reenacted this provision, and in addition to making the offence a misdemeanor, declared that the offender should be detained at the Quarantine ground as long as the Board of Health should direct, not exceeding twenty days. (6 W. & S., p. 250, sec. 12.)

The same stringent provision was incorporated into the Quarantine act of 1826. (Laws of 1820, p. 213, sec. 14.)

And it was reenacted in the Revised Statutes, accompanied by the following still more emphatic declaration on the part of the Legislature, that there should be no communication with vessels subject to Quarantine without permission of the Health Officer:

"No boat from any outward or inward bound vessel shall land at the Quarantine ground after sunset; nor shall boats of any description at any time pass through the range of vessels lying at Quarantine without the permission of the Health Officer." (1R. S., 421, [Marg. p.] sec. 37.)

In 1850 the Quarantine laws of the port underwent a thorough revision, but no change was made in the stringent provisions of previous statutes in reference to holding communication or having dealings with vessels subject to Quarantine. On the contrary these provisions were reenacted, with more specific directions for the punishment of those offending against them. (Laws of 1850, p. 605, secs. 20, 22 and 25.)

The next general Quarantine law was passed in 1857, and it contains the same enactments upon this subject that are to be found in the act of 1850. (Laws of 1857, p. 220.)

In 1862, an act was passed which was designed to secure the removal of Quarantine to the Lower Bay. It was framed with great care by Senator MURPHY, who has so long and ably served as a Senator from the City of Brooklyn. That act left the provisions of the previous statutes, to which reference has been made, wholly untouched, and it introduced still more stringent safeguards against the spread of disease by communication with vessels. (Laws of 1862, p. 675, &c., sec. 26, sub. 2, sec. 27, sub. 8, sec. 49.)

That no room for doubt might remain as to the intention of the Legislature upon this subject, the following section was passed by it in 1865 as an amendment to the act of 1862, and is to-day the law of the land:

SEC. 32. "Any person except the pilot who shall go on board of or have any communication or dealing with any vessel hereinbefore declared subject to Quarantine, before he shall have been visited and examined by the Health Officer, or while she is being examined by him, or who shall violate any provision of this act, or shall neglect or refuse to comply with any direction or regulation which the Health Officer or Commissioners of Quarantine may prescribe by virtue of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine of not less than $100, nor more than $500, or by imprisonment not less than three nor more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and the master or owner, or other owner or consignee of any vessel, who shall go on board of such vessel after she shall have received from the Health Officer his permit to proceed from Quarantine, and shall produce such permit which he shall receive at the office of the Mayor of the City of New-York or of the City of Brooklyn, shall be guilty of the like offence and subject to the like punishment."

Second—If it was necessary as early as 1801 to adopt the policy of Quarantine to the spread of disease by prohibiting communication with inward bound vessels until the Health Officer pronounced them free from infection, how much more is it necessary now when the commerce of the port is so much greater than it was then!

Third—No reason now exists for reversing the legislative policy which gave rise to these enactments, which has not existed with equal force for the last fifty years.

Fourth—The repeal of these provisions is not demanded by any reason of public policy or of private right. The method of gathering shipping news during their existence, has been satisfactory to every public journal save one. That one now demands a modification of the law, simply because it is unwilling to obtain information through the agents employed by those who supply it to others. A bare statement of its demand, in the light of the policy which has governed legislation upon the subject for nearly three-quarters of a century, ought to be sufficient to satisfy every member of the Legislature that the proposed bill should never become a law.

TALK WITH GENERAL SHERMAN.

Reconstructed and Disloyal Officers—The Conduct of Longstreet and Wickham—Southern Reconstruction and the Negroes.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Commercial.

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A few days ago your correspondent, in company with a Southern Congressman, a veritable carpet-bagger, paid a visit to the beloved Commander of the Armies of the United States. The Congressman was the Representative of the most aristocratic district in North Carolina, and had not seen the great soldier since he marched with him down to the sea. He was extremely cautious of getting SHERMAN's views on reconstruction and upon matters touching Southern affairs. After some red-tapeism we were soon in the presence of the greatest living Commander. He was dressed in his simple but usual suit, which differs very much from that of some of the members of his staff who stood near him. His manners were very cordial, and made us feel perfectly at home. His complexion appeared a little darker than when we saw him last near Raleigh, receiving the surrender of General JOHNSTON's army. His countenance was as full of courage, intelligence, benevolence and good humor as ever. The unfeigned sincerity of his character, his strong, common sense, broad and strong, and a patriotism which threw an almost chivalrous halo over the sturdy elements of his nature, never, to us, appeared so conspicuous.

Though mingling for years in camps, and accustomed to the ranks and distinctions of military life, SHERMAN has not lost the readiness of his sympathies, nor experienced a diminution of that genuine sentiment of democratic equality which relates him to every citizen of the Republic. A triumphant General, counting among his battles many of the most difficult and most brilliant of the war, he never forgets that native modesty which forbade him to exaggerate the value of his own brilliant services. Unmatched in conversation, powerful in sarcasm, and complete master of the boldest, curtest and most striking language to the expression of strong convictions and intense feeling, General SHERMAN has all others at complete disadvantage.

SHERMAN commenced with great earnestness. He went into every subject with a flow, almost a flood of language, ready and exhaustless, piercing as the pointed steel, or lambent as a ray of light. Rapid, intense, scornful and occasionally indignant at the shams and humbugs of the day. These qualities of his character are frequently called into requisition when visitors ask his opinion upon any of the leading questions of the hour. With his friends he is overflowing with wit and humor of the raciest kind, but to intriguers, political charlatans, he is cutting and caustic.

The conversation ran on numerous topics.

"The colored people," he said, "were just recently created, and needed the fostering and preserving care of the National Government. They had been true to the nation in the darkest tempest of the rebellion, and their votes had done much to strengthen and consolidate the great party of freedom, and for the Government now to desert them would be the most wicked ingratitude. It was eminently the duty of the philanthropists and humanitarians to continue in their benevolent endeavors to elevate and prepare for the tremendous responsibilities of political life the four million colored people."

The name of General HOWARD was mentioned, and then SHERMAN spoke in the highest terms. He said that he "was distinguished for his great goodness of heart, and his generous devotion to the poor, and thought the time was coming when he would be appreciated better than he is at present. He loved the cause of the oppressed with an enthusiasm," he said, "which only death could quench. Mighty in the field, he was yet mightier in his sublime philanthropy."

The names of many other equally distinguished military gentlemen were mentioned. They were also highly commended by SHERMAN for great gallantry in the field. In the appointments to Federal offices he thinks the claims of such men are of first importance.

The mention of the consolidation of the army led naturally to the large number of officers who would necessarily be placed on waiting orders. We were very anxious to learn General SHERMAN's views on the disposition of these supernumeraries. He said that he had made a calculation, and that about six hundred officers, of various grades, would be thrown out of active service by the consolidation. Were he authorized by Congress to attend to this matter, he would do justice to all meritorious and worthy officers. Three lieutenants could be assigned to each company, and the balance he would muster out without delay. Four hundred might be retained with profit to the nation by this arrangement, and the rest, whom he denominated shysters, ought to be promptly cashiered for drunkenness and general profligacy.

It was here suggested that the indiscriminate muster-out of old army officers, whose military tastes and habits unfitted them for any other business, would be very unjust. To this he replied, addressing my friend the Congressman: "Let your folks go to work immediately—pass a law for the government of the army, authorizing me to weed out the useless and worthless officers, and two-thirds of the six hundred now in waiting orders will be assigned to appropriate duties, and the balance I will make civilians of in twenty-four hours."

Here again he indulged in powerful and indignant diatribes against drunken and gambling officers. Never can your correspondent forget the fierceness with which SHERMAN spoke of these characters. His quick, stormy, imperious eyes flashed with indignation; his proud frame swelled with vehement vexation, furious impatience and savage determination. Renewing his appeal to the Congressman, he reiterated his earnest wish that there might be legislation on this subject before Congress adjourned.

SHERMAN, a splendid soldier himself, full of animation, full of electricity, full of daring, can not be satisfied with any policy that injuriously affects meritorious officers, while the least deserving are retained in

CURRENT LITERATURE.

ELEANOR IN THE EMPTY HOUSE:

A BALLAD OMITTED FROM PERCY'S "RELIQUES."

Sad Eleanor sits in the lonely hall;
Silent as ever, she sits and sews,
Like a nun, for penance, at work on her pall,
Thinking the while on her sins and woes:
She sighs, but sings not; for all are gone—
Ellen and Frances, Austin and John—
And silently her hand works on.

Musing on many things—God above,
And life and death and the burning lake,
And her work—and everything but love,
For nothing her frozen heart can wake—
She stabs with her needle, but never sings;
For oft in her ears a shrill bell rings,
And she starts, as she heard an angel's wings.

At nine o' the clock comes the abbot in,
And whispers, "Eleanor, what hast thou there?"
"All day," she answers, "at work I have been
On a winding sheet which I mean to wear;
And now I am busy, hemming my pall,
For I heard, last night, the Death-Angel call,
And the grass will soon grow over us all."

At ten, Brother William came from his room,
Saying, "Sister Eleanor, get thee to bed!"
And he walked up and down, with a face of gloom,
More heavy of heart than he was in his tread;
For meagre he was, and worn his looks,
With hunting for sense in difficult books,
And words in hid corners of Latin books.

Still, patient Eleanor never stirred,
But stitched away at the snow-white cloth,
And answered the Brother never a word;
Whereat the sullen friar was wroth,
And glided away, with his visage wan,
Silent and sober; for all were gone!—
Brother Austin, and Brother John.

He met the cat in the corridor,
And the lean thing rubbed against his leg;
So he lifted the creature from the floor,
Saying, "Poor puss, then needest not beg:
There's nothing,—nor milk, nor fowl, nor flesh,
Not a smell from the hook, nor a quail from the mesh,—
Nothing for thee, Tom, salt or fresh!

Not even a puny mouse in the wall,
Nor a cup of cream on an upper shelf;
For these roofs are abandoned by mice and all,
And I am friendless as thyself;
The chambers are empty—the larder, too—
The grinders have ceased, they've grown so few,
And there's no one to pray for but me and you!"

Such is the way most houses are
In the Summer-time which poets praise:
Give me the glow behind the bar
Of a sea-coal fire; or the hickory's blaze;
And plenty of people up-stairs and down
With smiling faces, and never a frown
Because there is nobody left in the town.

—*R. W. Parsons, in the Atlantic for May.*

SNAKE STORIES.

From Belgravia for April.

Snakes may be divided into three classes: first, those which, though not venomous, are vicious, and bite severely; secondly, those which, though venomous, are not of *necessity* fatal, if instant precautions are taken, and if the person bitten is of average health and constitution; and thirdly, those which are absolutely *deadly*, and against the poison of which no means we yet know of are of the least avail. There are, of course gradations in the two first-named classes, but none in the last; of which, indeed, "finis" may be said whenever any poor wretch is so unhappy as to get bitten by them. Thus, in most parts of the world, the grass, glass, field, and tree-snakes are not only utterly inoffensive, but can rarely be made to bite at all. With their larger brethren, however, the case is very different. They are large, bold, aggressive and vicious; and though, as I have said, their bite is not at all venomous, it is most severe, and almost dangerous, from the time it takes to heal. This arises from the fact of their jaws being armed with many rows of small, sharp, crooked teeth, all pointing backwards; so that, no matter what the size or nature of the prey struck, it is sure, even if it escapes, to receive an infinity of little, close-set wounds, which are at once both punctured and lacerated. This part of the first class of snakes includes all the variety of pythons; whether the rock-snake of West Africa, the Guinea snake, the boa-constrictor of South Africa and Ceylon or Southern India, the bull-snakes of North America, or perhaps the greatest and most formidable of all, the dark or black anacondas of Southern and Central America. Above the power of the boa-constrictor, and its great American sister, the anaconda, the most absurd notions are afloat, and it is more or less popularly believed that they daily dine respectively off tigers and buffaloes. All I can say is that I wish they did; but I am reluctantly compelled to believe that a well-grown tiger would crunch as easily through the body of the largest boa as a man would through a stick of celery. The constrictive power of the boa, however, is very great indeed, and I believe the great or dark anaconda to be more powerful still. There are not wanting instances of men having fallen victims to both; and probably for one instance that is known, ten may have happened of which nothing has ever been heard. Like all snakes, of whatever kind, they gorge themselves at one meal, and then retiring to their nests, or holes, or caves, remain almost torpid for a week or a fortnight, or even longer. During the winter, they will probably not eat more than once a month or six weeks, or even sometimes remain as much as six months at a time without taking anything whatever. Their powers of abstinence are indeed only equaled by their powers of gluttony. One very fine boa at the Zoological Gardens remained for *one year and ten months* without touching anything; yet at the end of this time the reptile was in good condition, and looked, when coiled up, like a roll of beautiful oilcloth.

One of the largest boas, if not the largest ever kept in captivity, was until lately at the Zoological Gardens. It was a female, which was captured at Ceylon while in a torpid state. It then measured about twenty feet long, but was very thin. Regular diet, however, and the care taken of it at the Gardens, where it was sent, soon improved its condition; and at the end of some six years it had grown to the length of more than twenty-nine feet, and was as thick round as a man's thigh. This monster was called *Bess*, and to the last moment of her captivity, or rather of her life, she remained intolerably vicious. Even her keepers were afraid of her. Once she rose with such a reckless plunge against the attendant who was cleaning her cage as to knock him completely out of the opening by which he had entered, though fortunately not hurting him, and leaving him ample strength and time to close the slide before she could follow him, which she was quite prepared to do. This magnificent reptile died of a surfeit of her own blankets. She was casting her skin, and was, as is always the case at that time, partially blind, when her meal of rabbits was driven into her cage. The first she seized, crushed and instantly gorged. With the others she was less successful. Warned, perhaps, by the fate of their companion, they were most agile in keeping out of the way. The second she struck at she missed altogether, but caught her blanket instead, around the unresisting mass of which she coiled and twined and crushed till she was tired, and then deliberately proceeded to gorge it. No effort could get it from her tenacious jaws, and indeed in her then savage humor it was not safe to persist in the attempts. So at her leisure, though not without considerable exertion, owing, no doubt, to the woolly nature of the texture, she succeeded in swallowing her rug, equal in size and thickness to the ordinary covering of a bed. After this gastronomic feat she lay torpid for about a week, when, with great efforts, she disgorged both the blanket and the rabbit she had previously swallowed. Both had evidently disagreed with her. After this she seemed ill, and refusing food for a month and more, coiled herself up and laid about seventy eggs. Then, though she was evidently very ill, she tried to hatch them, and all the scientific world of naturalists watched the result with so much interest that bulletins of her condition and progress in incubation appeared in the papers almost every day. It is not much to be wondered at that the event created a sort of sensation, for in all the history of serpents no boa-constrictor had ever laid eggs in captivity. However, after some weeks watching, the eggs, having been prematurely extruded, became bad; so they were removed with no little difficulty from under *Bess*. After their abstraction she seemed very restless, and refused all food; even the temptation of live ducks, generally a quite irresistible bait to ailing boas, was taken no notice of. Nothing could tempt her appetite, and her fits of anger rose to perfect fury when her cage had to be cleaned. In the end this almost necessary process had to be given over, but still she refused her meals; and, after languishing a few weeks more, suddenly stretched herself out and died; thus depriving us of one of the finest, if not the finest boa that has ever been seen in captivity, and also of the chance of rearing up a race of genuine British boas to succeed her.

This accident of her having accidentally gorged her blanket has been held by many good naturalists, and not without reason, to be a proof that these reptiles possess little sense of taste or smell. They, however, overlook, or more likely have not heard of, the important fact that at the time *Bess* made their mistake she was casting her skin, and nearly blind. As a mere matter of taste, it is very likely indeed that she did not find much palatable difference between the flavor of her blanket and the wool of the young lambs, or fur of the rabbits she was accustomed to swallow whole. As a safe general rule, all boas are exceedingly vicious, and prone to bite and attack on the least disturbance. Like every general rule, however, this has its exceptions, which prove its truth.

Before leaving the subject of pythons, a few words must be said about the most terrible and dangerous of all pythons—the huge, dark and almost black anacondas that inhabit the dense forests of central and south tropical America. These are far more common than is generally supposed by those who are not familiar with those regions; and but for the great difficulties which I have mentioned as to taking these monsters alive, there is no reason why our Zoological Gardens should not possess some half a dozen specimens. These American boas are greatly dreaded by the natives, and not without reason. They haunt the pools where cattle drink, or twine, when watching for prey, in the branches of the forest. Their boldness is well supported by their prodigious strength. There are not unfrequent instances of specimens having been killed which had attained a length of more than thirty feet, and which in some parts were as thick round as the body of a child. The endless tales which are related of their daring in killing men, women and children, of course, partake somewhat of the marvelous; but there is too much reason to believe that the stories, when stripped of all native exaggeration, contain the terrible basis of truth that many human beings have been killed by these monsters. One peculiarity about the anaconda is, that it is said to be always found hunting in couples. This fact is undoubtedly deposed to by all the natives and all the Europeans who have had any opportunity of learning something about the habits of these gigantic serpents. Even WATERTON, one of the most careful of natural historians, and one most thoroughly versed in the deadly ophiology of these regions, admits that when the male anaconda is seen the female is seldom far distant, and *vice versa*.

A terrible tale has been told to me in connection with these great serpents. For its authenticity I do not vouch myself, but it certainly is, if not true, not only possible, but from what I know of the snakes, even perhaps probable. It was related to me by a Brazilian gentleman of high position, and in the presence of two others who had also heard the story, and were ready to vouch for its accuracy. Certainly it seems accepted in the wilder parts of Brazil as a tradition of frontier life. The story is simply this, and as it occurred more than forty years ago, there can be no reason for concealing names which were not concealed from me. Mr. BARCLAY, an English gentleman who had made a comfortable independence in mining speculations, determined after some years' residence to settle permanently in the Brazils. With this end in view, he bought and farmed a large tract of almost uncleared land on the extreme northwest frontier, and pursued his clearing and farming with great success and tolerable profit, and, what is more, with a certain prospect of much greater profits to come in time. He gave himself, after a time, a short leave of absence, and came back to Scotland, where he married his cousin, with whom he again returned to his plantation in Brazil. During his absence, and according to his instructions, a neat, light, wooden residence—such as are built on all plantations—had been erected in the midst of the clearing, with a lofty veranda round it to keep the rooms cool, and French windows leading straight from the apartments to the ground. Still, young Mrs. BARCLAY, though surrounded with every comfort, was very far from being quite happy; for she was constitutionally in terror of the repulsive and tremendous-looking insects and reptiles with which all the wilder parts of Brazil literally abound. She could not go to a drawer without finding in it a centipede as large as a little eel, or open a cupboard without meeting with a spider almost as large as a small crab. Lizards of beautiful colors, but of repulsive appearance, had to be swept out of the bedroom at night. These were harmless enough, but there are few people who would care to wake up and find them crawling over their faces, or hear their long nails clattering along the wooden floor. The climate, too, told on Mrs. BARCLAY'S health. The reptiles by day and the mosquitos by night made her unusually susceptible of irritation and alarm. But of all her horrors, the greatest she entertained was that against snakes and serpents of all kinds. This was incredible from her nature, and was, in fact, as much part of her nature as the overwhelming antipathies some ladies feel at the sight of a rat, a spider or a ball. Unfortunately, Mrs. BARCLAY lived in a part of the country which was infested with snakes; some harmless, some deadly; but whether harmless or deadly, the unconquerable terror she evinced was the same to all. Once a tuboba, a quick and deadly snake, was killed in her house. At another time a coral-snake, the most beautiful and most quickly deadly of all the venemous reptiles God has created, was found and killed with ease upon the rough lawn, if we may dignify by such a term the short, brown, burnt-up herbage which surrounded the house. At another time a small anaconda, about eleven feet long, was found in the woods near the house and killed; and what was much worse, constant rumors were brought in that two very much larger serpents of the same class had been seen in the forest not far off. Poor Mrs. BARCLAY'S terrors were not diminished by the exaggerated tales of her native servants, till at length they rose to such a pitch that it seemed very likely, as she often said, that she would die if a serpent came near her. Her fears got to such a height that at last she would not venture out at all; and actually kept her room. In this frame of mind it will easily be believed that her life was a misery to herself, and not of much comfort to her wild, fearnaught husband.

Early one Summer morning the latter went to look after the progress of some rather distant clearings he was making; of course he went on horseback, and of course he carried with him the heavy, old-fashioned, double-barreled musket, without which, in that time and in those wild regions, no planter ever stirred far abroad. Both barrels were loaded with a heavy charge of slugs, sufficient to bring down a deer, if one came near enough; or, better still, to scare away or stop the charge of a jaguar or a tree-panther. Mr. BARCLAY'S survey took him rather late, and it was high in the noonday heat before he returned through a short belt of forest which lay between his new clearings and his home. At that time the tropical forests are as silent and as motionless as if they were dead. There is, to be sure, a drowsy chirp of the great grasshoppers, and now and then a humming-bird, whose gaudy colors are all hidden by the intensely rapid motion of its wings as it passes from flower to flower with a droning buzz, which in such a silence is almost noise. But the great trees themselves, and their equally thick mass of tropic undergrowth between, are all as motionless and still as if they had been carved in stone.

It is not now my province to enter on a description of a tropical forest, when at midday man and beast and reptile seek shelter from the intense heat of the sun, and leave the woods in their most silent grandeur. Those who have witnessed this impressive scene know that it is one which cannot easily be described, and one which can never be forgotten. One most curious thing connected with this still quiet of the noon is the absence of any motion in the long-tangled garlands of beautiful climbing-plants which wreath the giant limbs of tropical trees from stem to crown. Some of these, covered with gorgeous flowers, are as thick as the body of a horse and so tough and interwoven that it would require almost a hurricane to move them. Others there are, however, which, though light as thistle-down, are covered with minute blossoms, and which sway gently to and fro on the slightest breath of air, or on the mere passage of the traveler: it is the dead stillness of these light gossamer webs at noon which makes the quietness of the forest seem more impressive still; for at morn and eve, and even at night, their motion seldom ceases.

It was through such a scene as this that Mr. BARCLAY rode on his return home, and it was amid such stillness that his attention was at once attracted to a large creeper hanging from a tree in front of him, and which amid the deadly stillness around was swinging quickly. Such signs in the forest are never to be disregarded; and Mr. BARCLAY was too old a woodsman not to be at once on the alert. After waiting for some minutes till the oscillations ceased, and being reassured by the quietness of his horse, which would have been the first to scent a jaguar or a puma, he rode carefully toward the tree, and as little as his fears examined it, but for some time in vain. At last the cause of the disturbance and of the danger also became apparent on close inspection. On a limb of the tree overlooking the path lay a huge black anaconda, piled in great massive fold over fold, as is its wont, with the end of its tail just curled round the limb on which its great bulk rested, and its head left free, and elevated about two feet above the rest of its body. In this position it was quite prepared for action, and holding on by its tail could at once drop its great length down with relentless force on any unhappy animal, or even person, that might pass below, and when once secured in its gigantic folds, the rest was certain, whether to man or goat, or deer or sheep. Mr. BARCLAY, however, was not inclined to give it such a chance as this on his account, and waited quietly at a little distance, till, by some cautious maneuvring, he got a full view of the creature's head against the bright blue sky. Then he fired, and with one charge of slugs so shattered the huge reptile's head that, after writhing for a single moment, it came in a long heap to the ground. It was far from dead, however, and plunged wildly, so that for a time he durst not approach it, as it lay knocking the leaves and branches about in all directions. At last it lay still, when he rode close up, and, with his second barrel, and this so completely shattered the serpent's head that it never moved again. Like a cautious woodsman, however, Mr. BARCLAY did not feel secure till he had divided with his knife, and not without great difficulty, the vertebra in the centre of the back. The serpent measured nearly twenty-nine feet in length, and was evidently, from its great thickness, immensely powerful. The only question which remained to the successful hunter was, what was to be done with the carcass. He was loth to leave it where it was; besides, he wanted its skin—as what victorious sportsman does not?—and, above all, he wished to show Mrs. BARCLAY how easily such seeming monsters could be killed. Not unnaturally, then, though in an evil hour, he determined to drag it home. For this purpose he undid his stirrup-leather, and, making it fast over the head of the snake, led his horse along, which as it towed the snake, left a deep mark in the herbage, and sometimes a trail of blood on the grass over which the carcass was dragged. As he advanced, with the huge reptile trailing at his heels, some evil genius put it into his head that now was a fine opportunity to give Mrs. BARCLAY a lesson that would cure her of her fears of serpents. He never seems to have thought of the matter unkindly, or to entertain for a moment an idea that her woman's nature would not as soon and as easily get over its repugnance to these reptiles as he in his wild, rough life had easily been enabled to do. There is no doubt but that nothing more than a rough practical joke entered his mind, and this was perhaps the only kind of joke the point of which he was capable of perceiving. His simple plan of mischief was soon laid. He determined to take the serpent into the house, and coil it in the sitting-room in such a manner as that its wounded parts could easily be hidden. He dragged it, therefore, with some trouble along the veranda, and soon managed to coil away its great folds in such a manner than its injuries were hidden, and it looked indeed as if alive. When all had been quietly arranged by himself, he went out and called for a servant to fetch down her mistress, who, as is the custom of the country, was sleeping out the great heat of the day in her own room. Little suspecting what was to follow, she came down at once, and the instant she entered the sitting-room Mr. BARCLAY slipped out and fastened the door behind her. What passed afterward can now only be guessed with horror. Her screams of "The serpent, the serpent!" were at first so shrill and loud as to quite drown Mr. BARCLAY'S calls to her that the reptile was dead, and that she must look at it quietly, and be was only first alarmed by a number of outrunning, and the piercing cries of some half-a-dozen female servants, who, drawn by the shrieks of their mistress, had entered the room by another door. What *they* saw on entering was Mrs. BARCLAY attacked by a huge anaconda, which had followed up the broad track left by the body of its slaughtered mate. The instant their cries alarmed it, it rolled back its folds through the window by which it had entered. Mrs. BARCLAY was found insensible, and only slightly torn about the face and partly on the bosom by the fangs of the boa. She was quite insensible, however, and never rallied. In spite of all restoratives, she remained in a comatose state till the succeeding day, when convulsion succeeded convulsion, till her death left Mr. BARCLAY a widower, and the parent of a still-born child.

It is both more interesting and more amusing to turn from this tragic story to one which, though equally well authenticated, is far more likely to be truly genuine—the capture of a large anaconda alive. This was done by WATERTON in Southern Demerara, and his private letters give a most vivid account of it. For some days the neighborhood of an Indian village had been plagued and alarmed by the close vicinity of a large anaconda. Common rumor, of course, exaggerated its size to such a fabulous extent that, if the dimensions spoken of were only really believed in, it is no wonder that the terror was universal. WATERTON, who came to the village in the minute prosecution of his studies into natural history in all its branches, and who was, above all, a most enthusiastic investigator of the habits of serpents, learned with delight of the close proximity of this fine specimen. On the very evening of his arrival it had taken a goat from a herd, and it was certain that after such a meal it would lie torpid, and not very far off. But, as has been said, serpents, before relapsing into this condition, generally conceal themselves with the utmost care; so for three days WATERTON'S keen search around the forest was quite unavailing. He, however, knowing the haunts of snakes as well as a schoolboy knows where to find birds' nests, persevered, and at noon on the fourth day came upon the lair of the anaconda. It was in a large sort of cave among some loose rocks that were partly covered with bright creepers, and partly filled with moss and leaves. In the midst of these the reptile lay in a mass of coils. It would hardly be said that its size by no means realized the terrible accounts which had been given of it by the natives, supposing it to have been the same one, which WATERTON believed. was not the case; still, it was a formidable serpent. Its length, though only a little over nineteen feet, seemed much greater as it lay in its coils, from the huge thickness of the body, which, as was afterward proved by actual measurement, was greater in circumference than the leg of an ordinary man. WATERTON had with him three native hunters, who were much attached to him, and who had followed him through many dangers. With these a short council of war was held in whispers. The natives, however, represented with much force and truth that it would be dangerous to make an attack till the reptile's head could be distinctly seen, so that it could be seized by one of them round the throat, and so prevented inflicting those bites which lacerate so severely and almost dangerously. This course of action was accordingly resolved on, and a patient watch kept on the serpent till nearly the close of the long hot day, then its head was seen slowly emerging from the mass of folds, which were now creeping one over the other in a manner peculiar to every class of snake or serpent in a half-torpid state. With the first clear view of the head, WATERTON dashed into the cave and seized it by the throat close to the jaws; his three hunters followed him with equal courage, and threw themselves upon the pile of folds. The anaconda, though taken by surprise and overpowered by numbers, yet made a fierce resistance, and for a few minutes there was nothing to be seen in the gloom but dust and legs and arms and coils of snake. At last, after a great struggle, it was dragged out into the wanning daylight of the forest. Here the contest for a time was even worse, for the snake had room, and plunged in every way to get one of its captors within its folds. But WATERTON and his hunters kept it out at length and got it down upon the ground, till it was so exhausted that one of the natives could run to the tent and fetch ropes and a long bamboo pole. To this latter it was securely lashed, and borne in triumph on the shoulders of the party to the Indian village. WATERTON said that at any time during the contest it would have been easy to have killed the monster by dividing the vertebræ or the muscles of the back with their short, sharp hunting-knives. His object, however, was to take it alive, and in this he nominally succeeded. The serpent was brought in alive, it is true, but it was so injured in the efforts to overcome its struggles that it lived but a few days afterward, thus affording another illustration of the almost insuperable difficulties of taking these large reptiles in such a state as to be fit for subsequent exhibition to any great society or public museum.

One large snake, though it makes attacks on the gigantic walk of either the anaconda or boa constrictor, is most uncommon on the plains of Illinois, and is even abundant on the great Western prairies beyond the Mississippi. It is called the bull-snake, and is very little known to naturalists. It grows to a length of about ten or twelve feet, is very thick in girth, and strong and bold. It never attacks man, but haunts round the neighborhoods of the wild fattening prairie farms, the poultry kept on which in such abundance seems to form an irresistible attraction to this great snake, as, indeed, poultry generally does to all other reptiles of the kind. It is terribly venomous, and, what is most rare in snakes which are not venomous, will kill and destroy for the mere sake of killing. A bull-snake in a large hen-roost will in a night do as much mischief as will require three months hatching to repair. Once, when driving out with a friend to visit a station on the prairies a good deal west of the Mississippi, I drove over one of these snakes in the long tangled prairie-grass, which was then more than four feet high. The shock his bulk gave almost upset the light "buckboard" on which we rode. We leaned at once, and saw a large dark mass of bull-snake writhing his dirty-black coils in all the agony of a mortal wound. He was evidently quite helpless to escape or live, so we jumped down, and with the butts of our whips beat what little life remained out of him. Yet till the last blow he fought us with fierce hissings and attempts to bite, and would, no doubt, have made a serious resistance, had he not been so injured to start with. His length was nearly eleven feet, and his jaws, or rather mouth, contained four rows of teeth, all small, but all intensely sharp-pointed, and crooked, and curving backwards. None of these, of course, were venomous; but the wound they would inflict would be very severe from the multitude of small deep lacerations. The jaws were exceedingly powerful; but there was nothing whatever in the creature's stomach but the remains of a prairie-hen, which had evidently been eaten some days before.

IN EARLY SPRING.

Pale yellow sunlight crowns the wave,
And glowing skies are blue and clear.
How languidly the waters lave
The sands that glimmer near.

The shady nooks along the hill
Are dappled yet with wasting snow;
I hear the earliest bluebird's trill;
Soft winds are breathing low.

Beyond the shining harbor-bar
Lingers a dim sail, like a pearle
And busy sea-birds, near and far,
Hover and swoop and whirl.

Oh, heart and day, in sweet accord!
Oh, waves, ye seem as fair to me,
As if the feet of Christ the Lord
Had walked the morning sea!

—*George Cooper in Putnam for May.*

STORIES ABOUT WHIST.—The clergy, especially in the west of England, were formerly devoted to whist. About the beginning of the century there was a whist club in a country town of Somersetshire, composed mostly of clergymen, that met every Sunday evening in the back parlor of a barber. Four of these were acting as pall-bearers at the funeral of a reverend brother, when a delay occurred from the grave not being ready or some other cause, and the coffin was shown in the chancel. By way of whiling away the time, one of them produced a pack of cards from his pocket, and proposed a rubber. The rest gladly assented, and they were deep in their game, using the coffin as their table, when the sexton came to announce that the preparations were complete. We have carefully verified the fact that they played long whist, and we suspect that whist has been less popular in the Church since the introduction of short, by reason of its inferior gravity. The principle is indicated by SYDNEY SMITH in his qualified defence of angling. "I give up fly-fishing; it is a light, volatile, dissipated pursuit. But ground-bait, with a good steady float that never bobs without a bite, is an occupation for a bishop, and in no way interferes with sermon-meditating." We have seen short whist played by a member of the Episcopal body, and a very eminent one, the venerable Bishop of Exeter, (PHILLPOTTS,) one adversary being the late Dean of St. Paul's, (MILMAN,) the other an American diplomatist, and his partner a distinguished foreigner whose whist is hardly on a par with his scientific acquirements and social popularity. The two dignitaries played a steady sound orthodox game. The Bishop bore a run of ill luck like a Christian and a Bishop, but when (after the diplomatist had trumped him by a false card) the Count lost the game by not returning his trump, the excellent prelate looked on the verge of bringing the rubber to a conclusion as he once brought a controversy with an Archbishop, namely, by the bestowal of his blessing, which the Archbishop, apparently apprehensive of its acting by the rule of contraries, earnestly entreated him to take back. The famous "Billy Butler," vicar of Frampton, got the offer of a rich piece of preferment by finding a fox in the "open," when the Prince of Wales (afterwards GEORGE IV.) was anxious for an easy run. Many a good living has been gained by whist-playing—this being considered an indispensable qualification by discerning patrons (lay and episcopal) in the olden time. Our own opinion is, that if the spirit of the times no longer admits of its being exacted in candidates for holy orders, the being well up in Cavendish or Clay should command a handsome number of marks in all competitive examinations, civil and military. We throw out this suggestion for the serious consideration of the Cabinet—especially of Mr. GLADSTONE, Mr. BRIGHT and Mr. LOWE.—*Fraser's Magazine.*

THE DEATH OF MENDELSSOHN.—On the 7th October, 1847, MENDELSSOHN composed that sweet, profoundly melancholy "Spring Song," the last verse of which runs:

"Idol of my inmost heart!
Life for me is endless sorrow—
Blackest night without a morrow—
For thou and I must part."

He then pushed aside the still wet page, and starting up, said hastily, "Enough! Don't be uneasy, CECILE, any longer; I really mean to write no more, and to rest awhile!"

Two days afterward MENDELSSOHN brought his newest book of songs to his musical friend, Frau LIVIA FREGE, who was in the habit of seeing him so often come into her house with a score under his arm, and singing the half-finished piece to him at sight. On this occasion she was to sing for him, with her sweet voice, the "Nachtlied," "Thy first tried, over some portions of St. Paul," and different songs. MENDELSSOHN'S excessive nervous irritability had for some time past been very striking, whether in listening to music or in playing himself. His face changed, and he became very pale. Indeed, he avoided all large musical gatherings, and repeatedly declared that "the highest delight, and the highest of all enjoyments, is in reality music among a few friends—at most, a quartette of congenial spirits. At present I care for nothing beyond this."

On the day in question, MENDELSSOHN had played a great deal the same morning with MOSCHELES and, DAVID, and to his anxious friend, Madame L. FREGE, he appeared weary and exhausted. When at last she sang the following lines:

"Time marches on by night as well as day,
And many march by night who fain would stay,"

MENDELSSOHN said, with a shudder, "Oh! that has a dreary sound, but it is just what I feel." He then suddenly rose, as pale as death, and paced the room hurriedly, complaining that his hands were as cold as ice. To Frau LIVIA FREGE'S anxious entreaty to drive straight home and send for a doctor, he answered with a smile that a good quick walk would be of greater service to him, and took leave of her. He, however, gave up his intention of taking a walk, and went straight home; but in the evening he was similarly affected, and obliged to remain in bed for some days. This attack of debility seemed to have passed away, and MENDELSSOHN again received visits from his intimate friends; indeed, on Oct. 28, he took a short walk with his wife, and was tolerably well and in good spirits at dinner. In the afternoon, to the consternation of his family, he was seized with a sudden, deep swoon. The physician could not dissemble his alarm at this attack of illness; his case was soon hopeless, for a paralytic stroke ensued. MENDELSSOHN lay for a long time insensible; and when he once more recovered consciousness, he continued in an apathetic state, only complaining at intervals of insupportable pains in his head. In this condition he continued for seven days, with little change for better or worse—days full of torment and mortal anguish to all who loved him.

The intelligence of the danger that threatened this precious life spread like wildfire through the city; it was as if some beloved king had been in peril of his life; crowds of anxious inquirers besieged the well-known house in the Königsstrasse, anxiously hoping for a better report. On every side were seen sorrowful faces and sympathizing inquirers. And within, in the darkened sick-room, the mortal frame of one of the noblest of men was undergoing the last great struggle, surrounded by faithful friends, in the arms of inconsolable but self-sacrificing love; and, at 9 o'clock at night, on the 4th November, 1847, the hand of the angel of death wrote underneath the book of life of him who had gone to his rest his hallowed *Fine*.

The purest of artistic souls had returned to the Source of Light, whence it emanated.—*Reminiscences of Mendelssohn, (Lappold's Holt.*

LORD ROBERT CECIL.—One young man of brains there was on the Tory side of the House of Commons who did not like DISRAELI, and never professed to like him. This was Lord ROBERT CECIL, who subsequently became Viscount CRANBOURNE, and now sits in the House of Lords as Marquis of SALISBURY. Lord ROBERT CECIL was by far the ablest scion of noble Toryism in the House of Commons. Younger than Lord STANLEY he had not Lord STANLEY'S solidity and caution; but he had much more of original ability. He had brilliant ideas, great readiness in debate, and a perfect genius for saying bitter things in the bitterest tone. The younger son of a wealthy peer, he had, in consequence of a dispute with his father, manfully accepted honorable poverty, and was glad, for no short time, to help out his means by the use of his pen. He wrote in the *Quarterly Review*, the time-honored organ of Toryism; and after a while certain political articles regularly appearing in that periodical became identical with his name. One great object of these articles seemed to be to denounce Mr. DISRAELI and warn the Tory Party against him as a traitor, certain in the end to sell and surrender their principles. Lord ROBERT CECIL was an ultra-Tory—great least thought himself so—I feel convinced that his intellect and his experience will set him free one day. He was a Tory on principle and would listen to no compromise. People did not at first see how much ability there was in him—very few indeed saw how much of genuine manhood and nobleness there was in him. His tall, bent, awkward figure; his prematurely bald crown, his face with an outline and a beard that reminded one of a Jew peddler from the Minories, his ungainly gestures, his unmelodious voice, and the extraordinary and wanton bitterness of his tongue, set the ordinary observer strongly against him. He seemed to delight in being gratuitously offensive. Let me give one illustration. He assailed Mr. GLADSTONE'S financial policy one night, and said it was like the practice of a pettifogging attorney. This was rather coarse, and it was received with loud murmurs of disapprobation, but Lord ROBERT went on unheeding. Next night, however, when the debate was resumed, he rose and said he feared he had used language the previous evening which was calculated to give offence, and which he could not justify. There were murmurs of encouraging applause—nothing delights the House of Commons like an unsolicited and manly apology. Yes, he had, on the previous night, in a moment of excitement, compared the policy of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the practice of a pettifogging attorney. That was language which on sober consideration he felt he could not justify and ought not to have used, "and therefore," said Lord ROBERT, "I beg leave to offer my sincere apology"—here Mr. GLADSTONE half rose from his seat, with face of eager generosity, ready to pardon even before fully asked—"I beg leave to tender my sincere apology—to the attorneys!" Half the House reared with laughter, the other half with anger—and GLADSTONE threw himself back in his seat with an expression of mingled disappointment, pity and scorn on his pallid, noble features.—*Justin McCarthy, in May Galaxy.*

TWICE IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.—Twice in my life I have fallen in love at first sight. The first time was in a bookstore in Boston, in the street named after the Father of his Country. I was fresh from New-York, where my afternoon walk, is usually up the fashionable street in question, and the sentimental doctrine just mentioned does not always seem so very irrational. This first love of mine was a girl of about seventeen, with a lovely bloom on her cheeks, and she wore a dress of blue something (not silk) with white spots in it. It was when I found out what that sweet girl had come to the store to buy that I gave way to the weakness alluded to above. She was lovely in herself, but great Heavens! she was there buying a Gazetteer! Here was a young lady, aged 17, who took interest enough in the world she inhabited to desire a catalogue of its contents! Amazing! Long she hesitated, anxious to choose the best. Shall it be LIPPINCOTT? Shall it be HARPER? She made up her mind at last, paid for the book, and completed her conquest by carrying it home herself. I never saw her more; I know not her name; but I love her still, and often have a distracting vision of her when I see "those others," in the avenue which is numbered Five. It is only because I am not Dr. HOLMES or Mr. LOWELL that I have not written out my "Lines to a Young Lady in a Blue-spotted Dress (not Silk) whom I saw Buying a Gazetteer in a Boston Book Store."

The second time I fell in love on the long piazza of a seaside hotel, also in New-England. She was a married lady, a mother, and a writer of charming verse and prose. It had been singular good fortune to be reared on that rockbound coast in such a way that her growth was never checked by excessive school, nor her freedom of movement hampered by irrational dress, or by false ideas of propriety. Her father being a landlord, a fisherman, a lighthouse keeper, and a man of sense and information, she had plenty of boats, rocks, fishing-tackle, and suggestive conversation; and so grew up absolutely free from every one of the pernicious restraints of a defective civilization. At the same time her mind was duly nourished with honest knowledge, and kept totally free from all the contracting superstitions. I never spoke to her. I should not know her face to-day, if I saw it. But what instantaneously captivated my affections was the wondrous beauty of her step! Just to watch the glorious harmony, the perfect concert, of her movements—was rapture. It is this darling of my memory, in her coarse blue Dio Lewis boots-dress, that I think of when I see those gorgeous ladies carrying down the steps of a fashionable house an immense armful of clothes which they have been exhibiting at a reception.—*James Parton in the Atlantic Monthly for May.*

DRESS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.—It is one of the most striking features of the middle ages—if we may trust a certain kind of criticism—both in England and on the continent, that the horrible visitations of the Black Death were followed by outbreaks of fantastic luxuriance in dress. That in England there was plenty of absurdity and extravagance in the dresses of both men and women before the advent of the pestilence, in August, 1348, is sufficiently clear from the denunciations of the clergy, who seem to have told people that the plague was sent to punish them for excesses in attire, joined with what was supposed to be immodesty—for instance, the wearing of a short tunic by a man. It is difficult to see what connection there could possibly be between any impression left by a great plague and the tendency to invent or follow strange fashions; and thus, as a matter of fact, we find the strange fashions complained of before the plague as well as after. It was in some German author, a clerical writer whose name has escaped me, that I read the statement that medieval pestilences of Europe were always followed by curious extravagance in attire; and it is possible, if not probable, that this was merely the old story of Tenterden Steeple and Goodwin Sands; but, if there is anything in it, the extravagance in dress would merely be part of a general reaction toward luxury and splendor after a time of depression, neglect of appearances, and necessarily some degree of squalor; for, of course, in those days the domestic resources and small conveniences of humanity were not upon such a scale that they would easily rally after a destructive siege from misery, poverty and pain. The difficulty of estimating the moral bearings of the subject is increased by the fact that dress in those days was, what it is not now, a livery. In every class of society, from the highest to the lowest, the clothing worn served for a badge of rank as well as for the usual purposes of dress. The sumptuary laws of the Parliaments recognized this as well as the doleful homilies of the friars and the alarmists, who amusingly attribute the impoverishment of the realm to the extravagant expenditure of dress, instead of to its true cause, the drain occasioned by those wars of King EDWARD III., out of which this country got nothing but glory and a splendid tradition. There can be no doubt, I think, that the alleged extravagance in dress was one of the manifestations of the insurgent spirit of the times, and a symptom of the tendency to break down class distinctions. We see the same thing in our own times, and it is idle to complain of it in so far as it belongs to the new social insurgence. If a lady dresses foolishly, and a servant copies her, it is useless to discuss the question which is the more silly, the mistress or maid; the impulse which leads a person of inferior station and culture to dress like his betters, is in itself an impulse of crude self-respect, and any great activity of the tendency belongs naturally to periods of political changes. In the time of CHAUCER, as now, a well-dressed churl was betrayed the moment he opened his lips; but the insurgent tendency having shown itself first on the outsides of things, does not stop there, and a person who dresses well, or even gaudily, because he wishes not to be distinguished from the cultivated classes by any visible sign, is on the way to get the cultivation too; for his self-respect must inevitably be made sensitive on this side too, in a little time.—*Chaucer's England, by Mathew Browne.*

APRIL.

After the snow, before the thunder;
When March no more, with stormy hours,
Keeps ace-fowl from the sea, asunder,
And spase grows thin 'twixt foam and flowers;
And rainbows come, and winds are less,
And clouds are ebony now, now pearl;
Then dead may seem my bitterness,
Drown'd—where the woods their flags unfurl
In music of the merle.

Dead; and a new blue violet wreath
Is found each morning on the grave;
Drown'd; but it dies a harder death
With each fresh Spring a returning wave.
Dead; but, ah! youth being parted, new
Joy is as grief, slayer as slain;
Drown'd; but its drowning arms, I trow,
Have clasped me, not shall loose again,
Till sunset thwarts the main;—

Till sunset thwarts the sea, where striving
Of swimmers is, and wreck of ships;
Till the great giver ceases, whose giving
Is sweet, and very pale his lips.
Ah! Youth of mine that I have spent!
Can Life, thy glorious flask that knew,
Revive thee?—yea; the firmament
Still hangs, nor is one whit less blue,
O'er Hollas and Peru.

O hours of dreaming o'er a tress!
O days of glamour, not of gold!
O unreturning sweetness!—
And yet—the sweet times are the old—
Were they so sweet, those days of old?
Alas!—if all the west o' th' wind
Of Youth be Memory—Age will whirl
A bitter blast on me who find.
Now, scarce more solace than the churl,
In music of the merle.

—*Once a Week.*

THOMAS A BECKET'S SHRINE.—BECKET'S shrine was at one time w

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE AMERICAN JURYMAN. By H. B. WELLS, Philadelphia: J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co.

This little treatise purports to be a "Guide for Jurymen throughout the United States." It contains "rules for testing the credibility of witnesses, and weighing and estimating evidence," together with "a system of forensic reasoning for jurors." Why, however, it should be called the *American Juror* does not distinctly appear, it being a compilation mainly from British sources, and equally applicable to all jurors.

However, we doubt whether it is a good book to put into the hands of jurors; whether it is best that jurymen should "test the credibility of witnesses" by a set of rules previously learned; and whether a system of forensic reasoning is necessary or advisable for jurors at all. We should say that the fundamental mistake in this compilation is in its supposition that a special science or branch of instruction can properly be created out of this subject. This is less a book for jurymen than for lawyers; for lawyers it is a handy collection of what they may find in BLACKSTONE, in BEST on *Presumption*, in GREENLEAF'S *Evidence*, WELLS on *Circumstantial Evidence*, and so on. To our mind, it would be only confusing to put such a treatise in the hands of jurymen, in order to teach them to be wary regarding ordinary cases by reason of the curious circumstances involved in extraordinary cases.

Mr. WILSON, however, is of a different opinion. "The author ventures the suggestion," he modestly writes, "that the Legislatures of the several States would do well to provide for placing a work of this character in the hands of jurymen," and we presume that the publishers would have no objection to that arrangement. The author also suggests that "the work may with propriety be introduced into the schools as a class-book or reader;" and, of course, it is, in addition, like other treatises, one of those books which no gentleman's library can be without.

Now, the first quarter of the book is obviously not a book for jurymen as jurymen at all—it is on the origin and history of trial by jury, the qualification of jurors, the selecting, summoning, impaneling and swearing of jurors, the written pleadings—pure legal points. Then, when it comes to the question of evidence and that of reasoning, evidently the chief part is matter for lawyers to read, not for ordinary jurymen. Some part of it, indeed, treats of the competency of witnesses and admissibility of evidence, which, of course, are matters for the Court to decide. Many of the "rules" are either axioms in every mind, or are present in every good charge to the jury. For example: "Rule I. The onus of proving everything essential to the establishment of the charge against the accused lies on the prosecutor." So again: "Rule II. In criminal cases there must be clear and unequivocal proof of the *corpus delicti*." Here, unless additional light is added to the American jurymen's mind by talking of the *corpus delicti*, we do not see that he is helped to anything he would not be likely to know or to be informed of. So again: "Rule VII. In cases of doubt, it is *safer* to acquit than convict." But is that the rule? We think not. "Gentlemen, if you have any reasonable doubt of the prisoner's guilt," &c. The words are too familiar to us to require our finishing them, still less to have legislation provide us with a book to learn Rule VII.

It will be seen that we have been criticising only what the book *claims* to be; if we turn to show what the book is, we shall adopt a more complimentary tone. It is a handy compilation and collection of facts regarding trials by jury and the evidence adduced in such trials, usually scattered through larger and more elaborate treatises. We know that such books have been published before—as, for instance, "*The Juryman's Guide*,"—and called books for jurymen. But we should doubt whether the claim is substantiated by the contents, and whether a "system of forensic reasoning for jurors" is advisable to be provided in book-form for the jury-room. The cases cited in the appendix are interesting and readable; but, as we have in substance said, we doubt whether reading them—the case of Sir NICHOLAS THROCKMORTON, that of WILLIAM PREE and WILLIAM MEAD, that of RICHARD BAXTER—would clarify the minds of jurymen under our present system.

"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing;
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring."

STUDIES IN GENERAL SCIENCE. By ANTOINETTE BROWN BLACKWELL. New-York: G. P. PUTNAM & SON.

Mrs. BLACKWELL takes a very large canvas, so to speak; but she fills it up very creditably with the studious acquired learning of her active and well-employed life. In writing her book she begins with the beginning—the origin of things and the constitution of the universe. "Absolute principles," she says, "exist as innate necessary properties of things; there may be absolute *force* or motive power, and absolute *capacity* or receptivity for being extended, moved or divided; but no self-existent, irrational necessity could create a related, rational scheme of pure subdivisions, each dependent on all the others, and could substantialize this, or establish it in active cooperation through the use and exercise of *absolute substance* and its *absolute properties*." She proceeds in this way to make her "General Statement," which opens the subject; from which preliminary we can perceive that she does not think the world a self-existent mass of matter from eternity, but something produced by a distinct, intelligent Being—God. And further, as regards the nature of things, she rejects the doctrine of BERKELEY and others, who suppose that matter is a thing of qualities and nothing else, and has no existence independently of the mind that apprehends them. She believes that everything actually exists, honestly, and not in any sort of metaphysical masquerade. From these preliminaries she proceeds to her "text-book," which is the universe at large, and shows the action of the Perceptive, Conceptive and Constructive forces; from which she draws the inference that it is safer and more philosophic to observe the workings of creation, than try to comprehend it by any logic of system. She dilates on the subjects of "Perception" and "Conception," and satisfies both herself and her readers that they can really perceive the substance of bodies, after which she discusses the "Constitution of Matter and of Mind," the "Coordinations of Growth," and the "Different Types of Mind." In her "Eclectic Development Theory," she discusses the views of the natural philosophers on that head, and leans to the belief that though God did not make a distinct type for every kind of animated thing in creation, he gave it a certain *sentience* which enables it to work out its own peculiar destiny, and bring about as much diversity as may be proper for it in the nature of things. We have also interesting papers on Memory, Language, Immortality, Selfishness, which is "a quantitative vice," and Unselfishness, which is "a qualitative virtue." At the close, she completes her philosophic circuit by coming round again to the "Creation," which is not the result of blind "Chance" or, "Necessity," but the well-meditated work of a Supreme Being. These "studies," so elevating in their nature, show that a woman's wit is as capable of coping with what is called high philosophy as a man's; while the greater number of those ladies who may sit down to peruse them will experience a feeling of terror and discomfiture. When they try to take in the meaning of our authoress, they will ask themselves if they could ever in this world be brought to understand it. And, indeed, we cannot help feeling for their perplexity, and wishing for their sake, if not for our own, that Mrs. BLACKWELL had condescended a little more to the men, and women of low estate in philosophy. These studies might have been written in simple English, and in a style which one is apt to associate with the felicity of woman's utterance in general and the happy lightness of her hand—a resuming and conversational style. But she has followed her models—the men who employed their thoughts so intensely in the work of investigating that they had no leisure to care about the words they were to use, save those technical ones which would enable them to understand one another. Our authoress, in taking their meaning, has taken their terminology too, in a remarkable degree—forgetting that her writings may be read by a great number of unlearned people, who mean well and want to know, but who are not at all posted in the regular Wheweller and Hamiltonian "gergo." No doubt an effort of close attention enables a person to understand our authoress, and indeed no treatise of the sort can exactly do without the philosophic forms of speech, but it is not to be denied that a work like this might have been written in a simpler and easier style. We were going to say "a more lady-like style," till we remembered that ladies will very often write in a style unlike our idea of them—a strong and a searing style, with a wonderful kind of manliness and what may be called a great emphasis of expression. MISS D'ARBLAY, in her later years, fell into that manner of language—a portentous mixture of Johnsonese and the *Philosophic Dictionary*—and Lord BROUGHAM once, in the *Edinburgh Review*, went so far as to say her way of writing was very nearly "a breach of decorum." So that there is no exact standard of what may be called a lady-like style. But the work before us has merits which largely overbalance any defects of too ambitious a style; and the authoress pleads very effectually for those when, in the preface, she alludes to her other avocations and the duties that devolve on the mother of a young family—this last a plea which would have admirably passed muster with so stern a critic as the first NAPOLEON himself.

BRIEF NOTICES.

—*Essays and Lectures on the Early History of Maryland, &c.* By RICHARD MCSHERRY, M. D. (Baltimore: KELLY, PIET & Co.) Dr. MCSHERRY very justly praises the Maryland founders, showing that they were very tolerant—more so, perhaps, than their cotemporaries of Massachusetts. But it is scarcely philosophical to be so very hard on the latter. Governments cannot be tolerant in all things; they must draw a line somewhere. We of this age are tolerant; but we will not allow the Mormons to have their way here. The Calverts would not allow people to have quarrels about religion, though they liked them; and when a poor Jew said he thought Christ was a mere man, or a magician, he was taken into custody. Society cannot permit the freedom of a wild forest, and the freest people are those who have the fewest laws and the scantiest wardrobe. Our author sympathizes with poor MAXIMILIAN, who deserved a better fate; but "*quis diable allait-il faire dans cette galere?*" He should have stayed at Miramar. The Doctor thinks there is no hope for Mexico, because it has little or no government. And yet a people will sometimes worry along without caring much for a government. Here is New-York, living on without a Government—or with only half a Government, so to speak, in the midst of ringleaders and lawless mobs which are so much cried out against as any of those in Mexico. The world is a good deal out of joint every where, but when it begins to mend in the majority of places, it is very likely Mexico will turn over a new leaf as well as the rest. The "Mexican Campaign Sketch" is a very agreeable narrative, full of lively details and pictures of scenery which make the reader regret that there are no more of them from the same facile pen. An "Epistle" follows on "Homeopathy," in which that peculiar style of therapeutics is disparaged with a good show of argument; the Doctor saying in conclusion, "It may be said of the system of homeopathy, that whatever in it is true is not new, and whatever is new is not true." The book closes with two excellent lectures on the subjects of "Hygiene" and "Health and Happiness," containing in brief space the rules and principles that lie at the root of all physical well-being—the vital necessity of pure air for the human lungs and the enfeebling results of the use of alcoholic liquor—a custom mainly perpetuated by sheer ignorance and the want of libraries and reading-rooms and other means of intelligent amusement among the mass of the people.

—*The Roman Edition of the Vatican Manuscript.* We find in the April number of the *American Presbyterian Review* notices by Rev. Dr. COMBE of the recent Roman edition of the ancient text of the New Testament, as contained in the celebrated Vatican MS., and of TISCHENDORF'S Appendix to his own edition of that text, containing his critical examination of the Roman edition.

It appears, from the programme of the work issued at Rome in March, 1868, that the whole publication will extend to six volumes; the first four containing the text of the Old Testament, the fifth (now published) containing that of the New Testament, the sixth being devoted to critical notes and other literary apparatus.

The work is printed with moveable types, made in imitation of the uncial characters used in the earliest extant MSS. of the Greek Scriptures. From motives of economy, we presume, the types were not formed in imitation of the characters in the Vatican MS., but were cast from the matrices already made for the types used in publishing the text of the Sinaitic MS. These characters being considerably larger and heavier than those of the Vatican MS., the size and general appearance of its pages are not truly represented by them.

It further appears, from TISCHENDORF'S critical examination, that typographical errors are occasionally corrected in the printed copy by hand, while some others remain uncorrected; that instead of the reading of the original scribe, that of a later corrector is sometimes given; that in order to supply the correction of a later hand, space is sometimes made for its insertion in the printed line, as if the original scribe anticipated the correction of his own error, and left a convenient space for it; and finally, that the corrections of a very recent hand are given without the accompanying marks in the MS., which indicate its age. These, it must be admitted, are serious defects in what professes to be a *fac-simile* of the MS.

Dr. COMBE concludes his abstract of TISCHENDORF'S critical examination in the following words:

"From this abstract, which we have purposely made very minute, it will be seen in what respects so competent a critic as TISCHENDORF has found the Roman copy defective. It is made quite clear, we think, that the Roman editors have aimed to execute their task in good faith. Though not always sufficiently skillful, they evidently have not intended to misrepresent the text of their noble MS. They have given us substantially its text; erring sometimes in antichronistic results of critical skill, instead of furnishing material for it, sometimes from want of due care in very minute though not unimportant points, and sometimes from want of sufficient skill in paleography; in which TISCHENDORF'S long and varied experience has made him preeminent. His comments on the failure to exhibit by types the minute peculiarities of the MS., so often essential to a correct critical judgment, prove the desirableness and necessity of a more accurate mode of representing it. The very face of the MS. should be so exhibited that it may be accessible to scholars of every country, and that the text itself may be perpetuated to futurity, when the material of the MS. shall have mouldered to dust. This can be done only by the photolithographic process, already so successfully applied to portions of other MSS."

—*Sermons.* By CHARLES WADSWORTH. (New-York and San Francisco: A. ROMAN & Co.) These twenty sermons, written by the minister of Calvary Church, San Francisco, have been published by request of his friends, and will be found to justify the good opinion entertained of them on their delivery.

—*Eudoxia.* A Picture of the Fifth Century. By the Countess IDA HAHN-HAHN. (Baltimore: KELLY, PIET & Co.) The German lady-writers, like the German painters, seem to have a strong taste for the great historic personages and events. Instead of writing a novel of domestic life, lovely and brilliant, or some glowing story of romantic passion, like any American or English lady, the Countess goes back, with an austere determination, to that shadowing period of the Roman Empire and all created things else—the reign of ARCADIUS in Constantinople, and obliges a crowd of persons once frequenting the Imperial Court—the Emperor, the Empress EUDOXIA, Saint CHRYSOSTOM, EUTROPIUS, EUGENIUS and others—to pass across that antique stage—to come like shadows and so depart. She enters with great zest into their dead old ways and sayings on the Arian and Orthodox creeds, and all the successes and palace intrigues that have so long gone glimmering through the dream of things that were. She tells no story, but gives a succession of scenes in a narrative way. At the same time her manner is a good one, and she presents a few pictures, cabinet-size, which are very well colored, shaded and touched up. Her attempt on that Gibbonian ground was brave and high disposed, and she walks with an assured foot, so to speak, through a catacomb of the fifth century, away from the cheerful light of common day, and where [illegible] will greatly care to follow her. The English style of the book is extremely good.

BOSTON.

A Singular Petition to the State-House—The Legislature Asked to Establish a Workingwomen's Colony—Women in the Epidemic—Miss Field, Julia Ward Howe and Mary Grant in the Lecture-Room.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

BOSTON, Thursday, April 15, 1869.

A singular petition has been sent up to the State-house, and will soon be presented to the Legislature. It is from workingwomen of this city and vicinity, and asks the "honorable body" a tremendous favor, which is nothing less than this: to cause to be purchased in the neighborhood of the city a tract of good cultivated land; to lay it out in suitable lots, of from one to three acres, with a good house on each lot; to let or lease these to poor workingwomen of Boston; to furnish them rations, tools, seeds, and instruction in gardening, until such time as they would be able to raise their own food, or otherwise become self-supporting; to arrange that the payment of rent shall begin with the third year only, and be then so graduated, and so applied as purchase money, that each woman may, in a reasonable time, pay off, in the form of rent, the entire cost to the State of the lot on which she lives, with all other necessary incidental expenses, and become the sole proprietress of the lot in fee-simple; or, if it be thought preferable, each lot be held in trust by the State for the sole use and benefit of the woman who has paid for it under the form of rent, to pass to her female heirs in the event of her death; that these homesteads may be exempted from all taxation and all process of debt; and that the title to them may be non-transferable to any male person whatever. The petition states that the signers are insufficiently paid for their labor, scantily clothed, poorly fed, and badly lodged; that their physical health is becoming, or has already become, thoroughly undermined by habits of prolonged work, performed under the constant influence of deleterious conditions; that many of them suffer in their moral natures through the lack of proper society; that they are to a great extent deprived of the consolations of the Christian religion by being compelled throughout the week with incessant toil, thus being compelled, through sheer necessity, to bring up the arrears of their household duties by working on the Lord's Day, and also by the scanty and poor clothing they have at their command; and that many of their sisters are actually forced to make up for the insufficiency of their earnings by a recourse to avocations ruinous to themselves and dangerous to the whole community. And it closes with these words: "And now, praying that the Eternal Law-maker, who alone hath inherent immortality, who is the invisible and only wise God, may have you continually in holy keeping, and incline your hearts to give a favorable answer to this our humble petition, we, who have no vote, no voice in public affairs, remain, as always, loyal subjects of the glorious old Commonwealth of Massachusetts." I understand that the workingwomen will have a convention before long to talk over their affairs.

WOMAN IN THE LYCEUM.

Miss KATE FIELD, as a literary lecturer, or as a reader of essays in public—for she doesn't speak after the Anna Dickinson style, but simply reads—has met with most substantial success, and opened a new field for the literary ladies who wish to make money and fame more rapidly and easily than by writing books and contributing to the magazines. Her reading, the other day, in Chickering's Hall, was attended by the very cream of intellectual Boston. For instance, JOHN G. WHITTIER was there; so was JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, GEORGE S. HILLIARD, J. T. TROWBRIDGE, the shining lights of FIELDS, OSGOOD & Co.'s Authors' Club-room, Mrs. JULIA WARD HOWE, Mrs. EDNA D. CHENEY, and a score of others of note and fame. Miss FIELD'S lecture was a good argument for woman in the lyceum, was light and touchy, a little sarcastic in parts, and now and then brilliant; but it was not above criticism. I won't attempt to criticise it, however, for fear of dire consequences to myself, but merely suggest that the expression, "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," is somewhat slangy, and, at all events, not a good expression, and would not, I fancy, again be used by the fair reader (she is fair) had she noticed, as I did, the winding in the most intellectual quarter of her audience. Miss FIELD had no stagey paraphernalia about her to make effect. On the platform was a simple table beautifully adorned with a mass of flowers, and at it she sat and read her story as quietly and as unaffectedly as if she had been reading in a home to a home circle. This simplicity is one of her great points. She must have been flattered indeed after her lecture to receive the the congratulations that she did from the Quaker poet, LOWELL, HILLIARD and the rest of Boston's own. Emboldened no doubt by her success, other ladies have already sent out their cards of admission to essay readings, and in all probability the next lecture season will see a long procession of female carpet-baggers lecture-charged. In this same CHICKERING'S Hall Mrs. JULIA WARD HOWE is announced to read an essay before long on "Polarity—a Study of Sex," and Mrs. LUCY STONE BLACKWELL on—can't you guess?—"Suffrage for Women."

THE NOMINATIONS.

Boston is very much pleased and very much dismayed at the nominations of President GRANT. She is—to use a girl's expression, which, however, is quite appropriate in this instance—"tickled to death" over the nomination of Mr. MOTLEY as Minister to England, but thoroughly disgusted with that of Ex-Governor HARRIMAN, of New-Hampshire to the Boston Naval Office, and the displacement, if he should be confirmed, of General OSBORN. All the newspapers, save one, come out very strong against him, and a strong and determined effort is making to secure his rejection by Congress. MUNROE.

Transfer of American Ships to the British Flag.

NEW-YORK, Friday, April 16, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

A perusal of Mr. SUMNER'S masterly speech in the Senate induces me to ask you to notice a portion of the facts of the case which he, in common with all whose writings I have read on the subject, completely ignores. It has been continually implied that the sales (so called) of American shipping to British owners or pretended owners during the late war were a real transfer of ships and of trade from the one flag to the other, according to the figures cited by Mr. SUMNER, who gravely states that "according to an official document laid on the table of Parliament, American shipping had been transferred to English capitalists as follows: in 1861, 136 vessels; 1862, 133 vessels; 1863, 348 vessels," and so on. Every man of business connected with foreign trade knows that most of these transfers were fictious to enable the American shipowner to sail his vessels without change of beneficial ownership, unharmed by Southern privateers, under the protection of the British flag. The easy liberality of British shipping law enables any Englishman, whenever he realizes, to carry the British flag on any vessel that is his property by purchase, no matter where built, how employed, by whom commanded or manned; and, of course, this British "owner" has the ordinary rights of mortgaging and chartering his property. All that was required for any American shipowner to assume the British flag for his vessels without the least change of real ownership or control, was to pass a few papers, bill of sale, mortgage and charter party with any Englishman he might meet, perhaps a clerk in his own office; on these papers the British Consul in any port at once granted a "provisional register," and the vessel, with her old name and Captain, merely hoisting a new flag, went to sea as "British," perfectly safe. There is, or was, a person in New-York who converted half the large ships owned here into "British ships," for the consideration of about fifty dollars each, and a lawyer not long deceased drew up the papers for almost as small a sum. This fact, though always ignored by statesmen and orators, is perfectly notorious to shipping merchants. Most of the sailing vessels trading to Liverpool that took the English flag, many of those that went to British India; an entire fleet at lading piebald to Russia; in all these cases the ownership remaining as before. The practice began as early as May, 1861, in which month American vessels loading at New-Orleans already began to assume British colors, lest something might happen to them on the way. These things being so, it is a falsification of real facts to assert, as many persons in England as well as here have done, that the *Alabama* drove American shipping out of the carrying trade; she merely drove them into a subterfuge. The columns of figures showing how many American ships were "sold" into the British marine are not, therefore, in truth a manifest of injury done to the American shipowner, as is usually stated; they are a record of the number of cases in which the American shipowner received a cheap and valid protection from the British flag, and it is not just to assert this to be an injury received from Great Britain. On the contrary, that country thereby gratuitously parted with a valuable privilege, that of the neutral carrying trade during war, in favor of all applicants of one of the belligerents. A few vessels it is true were really sold to real British shipowners and at good prices; by persons desiring to discontinue ship owning, but the number of such cases was small. Mr. FESSENDEN, (cited by Mr. SUMNER) was entirely mistaken in his statement that "the carrying trade of the United States was transferred to British equally merchants;" and Mr. CONKLING was equally misinformed in stating that "the vast mercantile property of America had been rendered useless". When the *Georgia* failed to meet a single American vessel in six weeks she must have passed by plenty of "white-washed" Americans, as the cant term for them was in this country.

It is also usually taken for granted that the *Alabama* was the first cruiser or man-of-war the Southerners had. Nothing could be further from the fact. In New-Orleans, in May, 1861, I myself saw a quasi-of-war building for China under the Confederate flag, and several steam privateers were fitted out there to cruise against American vessels, and captured some, too, before the blockade was enforced. The *Sumter*, a Confederate cruiser of purely American build and manning, long preceded the *Alabama* and her consorts. General Confederate officers that sailed from North and South Carolina during 1861, I inclose my card and references, and am, very respectfully,

JAIR PLAY.

Phillips and Mill.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

According to the report of his lecture, published in the Boston *Journal*, and copied by the TIMES, Mr. WENDELL PHILLIPS asserts that "JOHN STUART MILL rejected the four Gospels." Can you, or any of your readers, inform me what are his grounds for this assertion?

NEW-YORK, April 15. CARL BENSON.

THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

Attempt to Secure Its Indefinite Prorogation.

From the Pall Mall Gazette, April 2.

A curious story reaches us from Rome, on authority entitled to every respect. We are informed that from a quarter whence it was little expected a serious effort is now being made to induce the Pope to prorogue indefinitely the Ecumenical Council. Special congregations have been appointed to prepare and digest the various opinions which the Vatican proposes to submit to the assembled divines for their confirmation. We are now told that in the congregation charged with the due elaboration of the two cardinal points for which the council has been convoked—the personal infallibility of the Pope, and the condemnation of political liberalism, in accordance with the Pope's declarations in the syllabus—the doctors have fallen out among themselves, and cannot be brought to any agreement. But dissent on these two points ruins the whole project, which was broached in the conviction that the formal acceptance by a unanimous Church of these pet articles of Jesuit doctrine might be secured. Alarmed by the discordance in this preliminary congregation—to which it was found necessary to add foreign, and especially Italian divines—the Jesuits begin to think it would be prudent to find a plea for postponing the Council; and accordingly they addressed themselves to the Pope with that intention. Here, however, the fathers got a check. PIUS IX. dotes on this Council as a woman dotes upon her child but now she thought have gone self past child-bearing. He clings to this project with the fondness of Jacob for Benjamin; and, therefore, when these gentlemen who had hitherto stimulated his anticipations of a glorious triumph for the Papal cause with a suggestion that it might be as well to give up the idea, the Pope flew into one of his constitutional furies, and sent the fathers back into their dungeon-like monastery discomfited, to reflect on what had been be done under the circumstances. After a little deliberation they resolved to invoke the counsel of Cardinal BILIO, a prelate high in the Pope's favor, and reported to have been the chief author in the actual composition of the syllabus. It was thought that when his first passion had subsided PIUS IX. might be amenable to the voice of this approved adviser of his pet desires. The Cardinal, therefore, did go to his Holiness, spoke to him of the unfortunate perversity of mind displayed in the silent congregation, and sought to open the intellect of the holy Father to the grave risk of scandal to the Church in the event of such perversity being manifested in the council. But the Cardinal had no more favorable reception than his prompters. The Pope, we are informed, was immovable. The council should meet at the appointed time, he replied, and nothing should induce him to postpone its assembly. But the Pope, though passionate, is a man of infirm resolution; and if the spirit of insubordination to Jesuit influence exhibited in the congregation should prove stubborn—which, no doubt, is a considerable assumption—and if, as is affirmed, Cardinal ANTONELLI has become uneasy at certain manifestations, it is quite on the cards that the Ecumenical Council may still be put off as often and for as long a period as that of Trent was put off after the Convocation. But this is, of course, mere matter of speculation. All we can take for granted is that the happy concert of dummydom which the Church was supposed to be sure of in its select body of episcopal tools, made in a certain years by Jesuit hands, seems likely to fall to pieces.

DEATH BY HANGING.

The Horrible Execution at Charlottetown, Prince Edward's Island.

The particulars of the execution of DOWEY, in Charlottetown, Prince Edward's Island, are published in the Halifax papers. On the scaffold he read his history and confession, which occupied twenty-five minutes in delivery. When he concluded his speech, he was conducted back to the inclosed portion of the platform by the clergymen in attendance, where they engaged in prayer for five minutes, the prisoner earnestly joining therein on his beaded knees. His arms were then pinioned behind his back, and he was led forth by the Sheriff to the trap. He sat down on the chair, the Sheriff withdrew, and the hangman, disguised in a large flaxen wig extending to his shoulders, and a black mask on his face, and enveloped in a large rubber coat and heavy top boots, made his appearance and adjusted, in a fumbling, clumsy way, the rope around the prisoner's neck; the knot was tied immediately below the left ear, and the hangman retired. The prisoner, sitting on a chair, prayed for a few seconds in a low tone. The Sheriff again came on the trap, when the prisoner stood up and the Sheriff brought the chair away. The hangman now appeared for the last time, and fastened the prisoner's legs together, and drew the black cap over his face.

DOWEY continued praying until the hangman withdrew and cut the rope which held the trap. He immediately fell, and in the descent the rope broke about two feet above his neck, and he fell heavily on his side to the ground, having fallen a distance of about sixteen feet. He appeared stunned for a few seconds, when he raised himself on to his knees, and attempted to loosen the rope around his neck. There was a large crowd in attendance, estimated at from one thousand to fifteen hundred persons, among whom, we regret to learn, were many females. A guard, consisting of sixty men, detailed from the Irish Prince of Wales and Prince Edward Companies, under command of Captain MCINTYRE, were stationed immediately in front of the gallows.

When the prisoner fell, great excitement prevailed in the multitude, and a general surge was made to break in the semi-circle formed by the guard. Captain MCINTYRE promptly faced his men about with fixed bayonets, which had the effect of repelling the crowd, while the policemen who were on the spot unloosed the rope from the prisoner's neck and carried him into the jail, where he was immediately attended by Dr. MACKINNON. Although much shocked, it was discovered that he sustained no serious injury.

While the carpenters, under the superintendence of Mr. R. FORSYTHE, were refixing the gallows, the prisoner, who appeared weak, was forced to lie down, and was allowed wine, which he refused. When everything was again ready, an hour having elapsed in preparation, DOWEY was carried out of the jail and up to the scaffold by Constables HEARTS and MCQUILLAN, two policemen. He was seated in the chair, while the same horrible preliminaries were again gone over by the hangman, and in this position the signal was given the trap fell, the rope rushed through the pulley for the fall of three feet; but the weight and force of the suspended man was so great that the piece around which the rope was fastened, so as not to allow of more than the three feet fall, gave way, and the rope rushed through until the prisoner's legs touched the ground.

Out of mercy, several of those who were on the scaffold seized hold of the rope and hoisted the criminal about eight feet from the ground, and [illegible] was allowed to hang for forty minutes, when he was cut down and the body removed next morning for interment in the Protestant Cemetery.

SKINS AND FURS.

From the London Daily Telegraph.

Most of the people know that the Canadian Government strongly desires to have the ancient monopoly of the Hudson's Bay Company brought to an end, and that negotiations are actually under serious consideration to bring about this result, and secure the transfer of the territories to the Dominion. If the North American Indians would get up a rebellion, the Home Government might feel itself called upon to terminate the existence of the Company with or without its consent; but there is no question of "greased cartridges" to agitate the braves who own allegiance to the great skin-dealing association, and whose fathers have served it over a period of 200 years. They are content to go on directing the warfare only against wild animals, and carrying the skins which they take from the enemy to Fort York, Fort Moose, or Rupert's House. But what will happen to them if the Company, which they know through the medium of shrewd agents, should cease to exist? That there is a possibility of such an event we are aware, although it will be long before the news reaches the redskins, who live a wild life of adventure in order that beautiful women may wrap themselves in soft furs, and luxurious gentlemen may borrow the coats of the gray fox, the otter or the marten. By-and-by some stranger, slowly traveling back into the distant interior of the agent's post, will carry with him the tidings of a change of masters. He and his comrades will discuss their future prospects over a juicy bear-steak, and smoke themselves into blissful dreams of new blankets and copious libations of fire-water, round a pile of blazing logs and branches. Perhaps they may think the time is coming when their traps will not be set solely for the benefit of the white man. Some wise among them may have foretold the approach of such a calamity, and the hunger to secure that the poor Indians' untutored minds dwell eagerly upon the bright visions conjured up by their medicine men. If they could only get open markets and free trade! They sell to monopolists—the monopolists bring together competitors from all parts of the world, and sell to them. That difference illustrates the advantage of civilization over barbarism.

The Indian, not being so clever as we are, goes on year after year catching any animals he can find, and skinning them, and selling them for what may be offered. We need not trace a journey over thousands of miles of sea, and land to look at the fruit of these labors. There is a large building in the city which receives every skin the Red man can contrive to slip over the unwary head of its rightful owner. If we go into this building we see in a moment the medium of barter. There, in one large room, are thousands of new blankets, just come from the north, and shortly to be dispatched to the Company's posts. The rest of the place is filled with skins obtained partly in exchange for these blankets. If the Indian gives away for the skins which would keep him warm he must have a blanket instead. He cannot do without the woollen fabric, he prefer the more primitive form of costume. But then, to the Indian, a skin is a skin and nothing more. He strips it from the body of the original proprietor, and throws it over his own shoulders. We, on the contrary, clean it, dress it, and add to it, by a variety of various contrivances, so that the creature who once lived in it would be totally unable to recognise his own birthright. Even a seal would not know its own skin when we have done with it, and a seal is supposed to know as much as is good for a creature which is obliged to spend life in desultory pursuits. What does the Indian care for these arts? He brings down his trophies to the stations, and sells them in a lump; and if his squaw is specially favored, or has been accustomed to have a lady-admirer, she gets a corner of the new blanket. This way of carrying on trade fills huge warehouses with furs, which afterward make a fish show upon every fashionable promenade in Europe. But if a fine lady could be taken into the city and placed in the room where all the skins are being sorted for the great fair at Leipsic, she would sometimes have a difficulty in singling out those of great value from those which could be bought for a few shillings. As for seal skins, she would probably scarcely condescend to take them away as a gift, if she were left to form her own opinion of their quality.

Three or four times a year a great sale of skins takes place, and there are but two houses in London where the auctions are held on a large scale. Those usually occupied by the Company for the trade, and tens of thousands of animals are stripped every year to furnish their stocks. Several weeks ago one of their periodical sales took place, extending over a fortnight. If, during that time, a stranger had entered either building, he would have seen a number of persons dressed in white linen coats, after the fashion of the "down-town" community in New-York. These are the buyers examining the skins before the day of sale. As a rule, the skins are wonderfully clean, but great care must be taken that the hair on the linen coat is not an unnecessary garment. Very little of the carcass is left under the skins by the hungry Indian. Whatever may be the creature which unwarily walks into his trap, he makes a prisoner of its pelt. Even it—making an exception possibly in favor of the skunk, which must form a somewhat highly-flavored dish for any palate. No matter what color a man's skin may be—red, white or black—he will naturally put off dining on a skunk as long as he possibly can. Hunger is a sharp sauce, but no amount of it would render this noisome little animal savory. Even after his body has been out of his skin for months and the mild skin is dry and puckered up, a horrible smell assures you as you approach it, long before you hold a nose among twenty cat skins, that smell him that's stinking," says the fool in "King Lear;" and if he was not thinking of the skunk his remark is just as appropriate as if he had been. The skunk room is one of these great warehouses, and it is not to be entered without being warned. You can smell it afar off. Yet a white-coated gentleman was very quietly engaged in looking over quantities of the skins. What on earth can these skins be good for? The smell of them can never be entirely removed. They always remain unpleasant things to handle. But the fur trade has its mysteries, and somewhere among them is a secret for dealing with the coat of the unpleasant creature the skunk. If he could be made sweet the skin would be worth a fair sum of money, for the fur is not bad. But the misfortune peculiar to the skunk is that he must be an offence to every other created object in life or after it.

There is a particular skin with which even a man unaccustomed to examining such articles immediately falls in love. It is not large in size; but the fur is deep, thick and exquisitely soft, and even here, in its undressed state, the color and gloss are both beautiful. If the kind of object which causes one to covet one's neighbor's goods, heedless of all injunctions to the contrary. What, then, are the ladies' feelings concerning this skin? They simply rave over it when an indulgent husband carries home to them some article of dress in which it bears a prominent part. It is the Russian sable, a little beautiful piece of nature's work, and man appreciates it by giving 100£ for it then for the skin of any other animal whatever. It is perfect in every way. The Hudson Bay Company are not very enough to find any such skins in their territory, and, consequently, there were none in their warehouses; but in the second establishment to which we have referred there were plenty to be seen. A skin is not valued according to its size, or yonder would be small and beautiful skins in their little sable. But the "bears" are sorted for the Guards, the military authorities being always on the look-out for them; while the sable is destined to go upon the shoulders or round the necks of some of the most beautiful women in the world, and possibly some of the other sort. Gentlemen will also pay a great price for these skins, and wear them on the collar or collars of their coats. American ladies, to whom extravagance is not absolutely hateful, greatly love to encase themselves in sables. If you go to Mr. GUNTHER'S shop in Broadway, you may chance to hear a lady asking the price of some sables. They show several to her. There is a cloak, with the tails hanging down as a sort of fringe all round. "And how much is this?" asks the lady. "Sixteen hundred dollars, madam." "Send it home," says the woman decisively. The husband pays the little bill of 320£, and tries to look pleasant. Russian sables are dearer than diamonds in America, but not quite so dear as lace. Even here, in London, one small skin often fetches at auction, among wholesale buyers, from 24 to 32£. After this, the 100£ given for the Indian's trape may seem of little note. Let us look round at them. There are huge quantities of lamby skins, which seem like carriage mats ready made. They once belonged to the red fox. Then there is a dark skin, in which the blue fox dapped and himself, as a whole, was for the white fox. None of these are of any considerable value. The skin of the white fox fetches only about eight shillings. So far, the Indian does not improve in our estimation. But here among the fox skins is a kind which at once arrests the attention of the least-experienced visitor. It is dark in color, and is like velvet in softness and smoothness. This is the skin of the silver fox, often an unwilling guest of the Indian, and by him taken out of the trap, beyond, we believe, 20£ is worth from 320 to 340£ at wholesale prices. But how much does the Indian get for it? That is a different matter altogether. Anybody would give two or three blankets and a bottle of old Jamaica rum for one of these skins, and he quite satisfied with the bargain. The presence of the Indian in ordinarily gets as much. We ought to state, too, since we have mentioned rum, that the Hudson's Bay Company do not contaminate their Indians with that or any other spirits; but outside their lands, and also during warm seasons, it is not, if the truth could be ascertained, very strict having a partiality for them. Once the Indian brought in all skins indiscriminately, and sold them—if such a transaction could be described as a sale—at a lump. The silver fox obtained no more than the marten. The skunk was worth as much to them as the sea otter. But civilization makes people sharp buyers and sellers, and the Indians have lived near civilized men since those times. Even now, however, the profits on this trade are enormous.

Athenian Oxford Boat.

From the London Saturday Review.

An event in the Thames Rowing Club sports had been reserved for the last, called an "Obstacle Race." The unhappy competitors were to swim across a lake (which, by the way, was covered with ice a few hours earlier,) then run 120 yards over five flights of wattled hurdles, then surmount "an obstacle," and then race home. There was a great deal of mystery about this obstacle. One paper said it would be an extraordinary obstacle; another said it would be an obstacle simply; another that an conception whatever could be formed about it. When made manifest to the eye, it turned out to be a barrier made up of "three perpendicular scaffold-poles, crossed at three-foot intervals by three others." It was nearly dark when the heats were collected. The lake was crowded, the hurdles were cleared, and two dripping athletes got over the obstacle, and secured first and second prizes. But the candidates for third honors were not so fortunate. Two gentlemen reached the top of the obstacle, and there they remained. They could not get down. Perched on the summits of these perpendicular scaffold-poles, sitting there exalted, by merit raised to that bad eminence, "on a bleak evening in March, in the dark, numbed with cold and saturated with muddy water, their position cannot have been very enviable. But soon a friend arrived to keep them company. A third gentleman, equally eager to be placed in the race, appeared on the summit of the obstacle. He also could not get down. He looked at the pair beside him, sitting fixed and motionless. *Salient, extremum sedebant, quando* he also stuck on a perpendicular pole, crossed by a horizontal one! No. How then should he get down? Happy thought—tumble down. Accordingly he tumbled down, and the shock of the fall prevented him from regaining the exact posture, crawled the remainder of the distance and won the third prize. Thus we gather if you are willing to swim, run, jump, climb up an obstacle, sit on a pole, tumble off it, run the risk of vertebral paralysis, and finally crawl on all fours, and fall dead in the dark, on a moonlight night, you may get the third prize, and have the reputation of being a rather indifferent athlete. We shall look with curiosity for future specimens of ingenuity in the developments of athletic science. If there is any truth in the old verse of the proverb, we ought to be not far off the sublime of athletics, for the ridiculous has been attained already.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

In the debate in the House of Commons last night, relative to the Irish Church, Mr. DISRAELI moved to omit the essential clause, namely, that which provides that the union between the English and Irish Church shall cease in 1871, and that the latter shall also cease to be an established church by law. He said he wished to aim a "mortal blow" at the bill. His amendment, however, was lost by a large majority, the Ministerial victory being received with much cheering by the Liberals.

Count BISMARCK accepts the law of responsibility of Ministers which has just been passed by the North German Parliament.

The Belgian miners near Mons are on a strike, and are creating considerable alarm by their riotous demonstrations.

A discussion of the question of free trade, as against protection, in the French Corps Legislatif, drew a very spirited remark from M. THIERS yesterday. He said "the commercial liberty of France was like the political liberties of the French people, a farce!" As might be expected, these words called forth the President's rebuke, and there was a heated dispute. But the trouble was finally appeased.

From Rome comes the important information that the French troops are to be withdrawn in June.

A directory, whatever that may mean, is said to have been formed to conduct the Government of Spain. It is composed of SERRANO, PRIM and OLOZAGA.

There is a dread of a military rising in Portugal.

SENATE.

The Senate assembled at noon yesterday. Mr. SHERMAN presented an important memorial from the Ohio Legislature protesting against further grants of lands to railroads or for other purposes. Mr. EDMUNDS then moved to take up the resolution offered by him on the preceding day for an adjournment Saturday. Mr. CHANDLER suggested Monday. Mr. SUMNER pointed out that it was impossible to get through the accumulated business by so early a date. Mr. RAMSAY was of opinion that it would be impossible to fix a day for adjournment, since the nominations were coming in from the President at the rate of a hundred and fifty a day. There was considerable discussion of the topic; but ultimately the Senate proceeded to the consideration of Executive business. Adjourned at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

CUBA.

The Havana officials were making preparations for a grand reception of the Spanish volunteers, who were hourly expected to arrive. Quantities of sugar belonging to suspects have been seized under General DULCE'S proclamation.

MEXICO.

The session of the Mexican Congress was opened on the 1st. The speech of President JUAREZ seems to have been unimportant; but in the address of the Speaker there was a sharp criticism on the conduct of Mexican journalists in attributing personal motives to members of Congress.

It is deemed that there has been any rupture between President JUAREZ and Minister ROSECRANS.

According to the latest advices it seems as if a crisis in the affairs of the Government were imminent.

GENERAL.

A witness named THOMAS DREW, charged with contumacy in refusing to testify before the Massachusetts Legislative Committee, in regard to Railway Companies, improperly influencing legislation, has been committed to jail for twenty-five days.

There is a British ship, called *The Queen of the Age*, ashore at Cape Cod. She is laden with a valuable cargo of tea. There is a prospect that she will be got off without much damage.

A slaughter-house and barrel factory were burned in Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday, involving a loss of about $25,000.

A railway employe was crushed to death while shackling cars at Worcester, Mass., yesterday morning.

On Thursday a fire occurred in Kalamazoo, Mich., destroying property valued at $75,000.

A dispatch from Boston says that orders were received in that city on Friday directing all the war vessels at the Portsmouth and Charlestown Navy-yards to be got ready for active service immediately. Orders have also been received at the Navy-yard in Philadelphia for the immediate fitting out of three monitor iron-clads, which are now at the yard for repairs and equipment.

Hundreds of emigrants are already *en route* to Minnesota, with an eye to securing the rich lands in the fertile valleys of that State. A large proportion of them are from the different German States, and already have numerous relatives and friends among the hardy pioneers of Minnesota.

Two women, in Bloomer costume, went out hunting near Mansfield, Ill., a few days since, each carrying a double-barrel shot-gun. They returned with a goodly quantity of snipe and woodcock as a proof of their skill.

The offer made by the Harvard crew to row the Yale crew in New-Haven harbor at the close of the Harvard term, about the 3d or 4th of July, instead of rowing at Worcester at the close of the Yale term, some three weeks later, has been declined. The Yale Faculty said they could not grant permission, as the matter was beyond their jurisdiction.

General A. J. HICKENLOOPER, Secretary of the McPherson Monument Fund, has received $15,000 for the erection of the proposed monument. Further subscriptions are required to carry out the designs of the association.

Ex-Governor SEYMOUR is still announced to be at the West. He was at Lansing, Mich., on Tuesday, and is reported to have recovered from the injuries he recently received by a railroad accident.

The death of Mr. DEMING JARVIS, so well known throughout the country from his connection with the manufacture of glass, took place at his residence in Boston on Thursday evening.

Governor SCOTT, of South Carolina, has commuted the sentence of SUSAN ETTIS, who was convicted, in Newberry County, of murder, and sentenced to be executed on the 21st of May next, to imprisonment for life in the State Penitentiary.

Altoona, Penn., suffered by fire on Thursday to the extent of $40,000.

At a fire in Baltimore last night, eight or nine firemen were seriously injured by the falling of a wall of the burning house.

JOSHUA P. WESTCOAT, of Eastville, Va., was murdered in his counting-room on Wednesday night, by some person unknown. He had a desperate struggle with his murderer, and it is supposed inflicted a wound upon him, as traces of blood were found on the sidewalk for a long distance. A negro named SYMONS WRIGHT has been arrested on suspicion.

The Union League Club have resolved to present an address and some suitable testimonial of respect to JOHN JAY, Esq., the President, in view of his departure as Minister to the Court of Vienna.

E. H. PECK, of the firm of PARKER & PECK, proprietors of two grain warehouses, (one in this City and one in Brooklyn,) is reported to have fled from the City, after defrauding various parties of an aggregate of $200,000. Mr. PARKER is known to be innocent of any participation in the criminal acts of his partner.

The strike of the car drivers on the Second-avenue Railroad still continues, neither party having made any concessions to the other. Only one trip was made yesterday, and that in order to prevent a forfeiture of the charter.

By order of Police Captain MILLS, of the Eighth Precinct, a number of street loafers, who infest that locality, were yesterday arrested and taken before Justice DODGE, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, upon the charge of vagrancy. The officers failed to support the complaint, and the prisoners were thereupon discharged.

Twenty-seven criminal charges were passed upon yesterday, by Justice DOWLING, at the Special Sessions. PETER MCDONALD, who stole a bundle of shirts from an errand boy whom he met in the streets, was sentenced to the Penitentiary for four months and ordered to pay a fine of $50. WM. KNAPP, convicted of keeping a thieves' den at No. 183 Canal-street, received the same sentence.

An inquest was held yesterday, by Coroner FLYNN, over the remains of JOHN J. MILLER, of No. 123 Amity-street, who committed suicide on Friday by means of morphine. A verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered.

Collector GRINNELL refused admission to applicants for office yesterday, in consequence of fatigue, induced by the excessive run upon him for the past few days.

The number of deaths in this City during the week ending with yesterday was 476, which is an increase of 40, as compared with those of the previous week.

The closing sale of paintings, chromos, &c., the invoice of stock belonging to Mr. KNOEDLER, sold in consequence of his removal to his new store in Fifth-avenue, took place at GOUPIL's, Broadway, yesterday. The chromos sold well, as was the case on Friday, but the oil paintings brought only moderate prices.

There arrived at the Communipaw yards the past week 261 cars of live stock, via: 2,401 cattle, 7,040 hogs, 11,320 sheep, and slaughtered, 370 cattle, 5,010 hogs, and 7,220 sheep. Trade continues moderate, and prices unchanged.

Thoughtless Recommending to Public Places.

The bare confirmation, by 31 to 20, of Mr. ASHLEY as Governor of Montana, carries a broader moral than the personal merits or demerits of the applicant suggest, though these latter have been elaborately discussed by the Press of his own State. After "a four hours' pointed debate," the Cincinnati *Gazette* tells us, "it was clear that, had the Senate been full, the confirmation would have failed." The Cincinnati *Commercial* pronounces it "the fiercest discussion ever had in Executive session upon a nomination by a President in sympathy with Congress;" and, though we attach little weight to its suggestion that "ASHLEY was buffeted and cuffed so sadly that it is thought his personal pride will prevent his acceptance of the office," yet we do note as important another declaration, namely, that "there is the best reason for saying that the President did not desire to appoint ASHLEY, but did not feel himself authorized to disregard the recommendation of the whole Republican delegation in the Fortieth Congress."

Indeed, it is this last assertion—often repeated and not yet denied—which points a moral larger, as we have said, than the individual fortunes of Mr. ASHLEY would of themselves suggest. It provokes a reflection of what real wrong lies in thoughtless recommendations, and what embarrassment or deception may come of careless credentials. We comfort ourselves with the theory that "everybody understands the worthlessness of credentials," and "nobody is deluded by them." But here, apparently, is a case in point, where recommendations are not only not worthless, but outweigh private judgment by their apparent gross value. "The President," we are told, "did not feel himself authorized to disregard the recommendation of the whole Republican delegation in the Fortieth Congress." And such a decision, if it were actually made, can be understood.

But whether the particular example of Mr. ASHLEY be or be not well chosen for illustration, is matter of small importance. It is clear that the part played by recommendation in our present wretched system of appointments to office is a necessity. No one man, be he President, Cabinet officer, or whoever else, can know the whole population of the country; and still less can he discriminate unaided, between the merits of all rival applicants. In many cases President GRANT has, thus far, selected his subordinates from personal knowledge; and he has been soundly rated for it—not because his appointees were incapable or dishonest, but simply *because they were* men whom he personally and intimately knew. On the other hand, he has appointed many, and must appoint a great many more, men of whom he knows nothing except by recommendation or credentials. And it is precisely because these last have their use that they are liable to shameful abuse. A man like Mr. ASHLEY would not fortify himself with the signatures of two-thirds or three-fourths of his fellow-representatives in the Fortieth Congress, unless he knew that they would be of use. There is some leverage in credentials, however slight it may, on theory, seem. We can imagine, for example, how such a fortification of a man's claim may put the appointing power, in some cases, in the position of appearing to give play to a personal hostility by refusal—a sentiment which he does not care to have imputed to him, because he may really have no personal feeling or knowledge in the matter, one way or the other.

LOWELL makes one of his famous characters declare that "One of the most inexcusable weaknesses of Americans is in signing their names to what are called credentials." And the worthy Parson relates an instance in which an individual was recommended to the President for office by "all the voters of both parties in this town, his recommendation ascribing to him as many good qualities as if it had been his tombstone. The excuse was that it would be well for the town to be rid of him, as it would, ere long, be obliged to maintain him." And, in fine, the same authority sums up the matter thus: "When I see a certificate of character with everybody's name to it, I regard it as a letter of introduction from the Devil. Never give a man your name unless you are willing to trust him with your reputation."

Perhaps it is hard to call this weakness "one of the most inexcusable," though "weakness" it certainly is, if nothing worse. It is so easy to put down one's autograph—it is so hard to refuse a personal request for it simply on the ground of want of knowledge, &c., when the favor asked for seems so slight. A public man can make a dozen enemies a day in that way, from simple desire to do what the good of the civil service demands, and can transform many not indifferent friends into "good haters."

Nevertheless, whether we yield or not to the pressure, there can be no doubt of the disastrous influence of careless credentials. The first signers to a bad petition may argue, "He never can get the place—it will do no hurt." The second batch of recommenders console themselves by saying they merely indorse the previous names—names of men whom they believe in. The last ten, twenty or hundred reflect "He has got it sure already—there is no use in my refusing, and making an enemy for my pains." And the consequence may be a prodigious power of recommendation, all made up of such units.

Of course, the great and necessary remedy for this whole business is in a proper civil service, with trained officials and competitive examination. But, in the meantime, it is clear enough that wholesale and indiscriminate recommendation, from a selfish desire to avoid giving offence, is not the way to cure the ills we have.

The Cuban Navy.

We are assured from Havana that with the capture of the *Comandante* (otherwise known as the *Yara*) "the first and only attempt to organize a Cuban navy is ended;" but that does not prevent constant speculations that the two monitors *Manco Capac* and *Atahualipa*, so long in Cuban neighborhood, have really been made over to the insurgents by the Peruvian Government, and in due time will proceed to bombard Havana.

But, whoever will take the trouble to read the diplomatic correspondence of last year between Mr. GARCIA and Mr. SEWARD, may find his doubts on that score put at rest. Whatever other disposition may be made of the two monitors which our Government sold to Peru, it is clear that, except by an express violation of compact, they will never enter the service of Cuba. They were detained for several months by our Government, on suspicion, and it was only on the 10th of September, 1868, that permission to remove them was granted. And how was this permission secured? By an elaborate presentation of the Peruvian case ten days before, in concluding which Mr. GARCIA made the following explicit declaration:

"The Government of Peru voluntarily and deliberately desires to offer to yours the most perfect security as to the rectitude of its intentions in sending those vessels to the coasts of the Republic, and, for that purpose, has instructed me to reiterate expressly in its name, to the United States Government, the formal promise that the monitors will leave for the Pacific, without attacking or in any way molesting any vessels or possessions of Spain, and without committing any act of hostility, directly or indirectly, against the flag of that nation, either at sea or on land, to which they may not be provoked."

And almost the last words of the same letter were, "The honor of the Peruvian Government, I again repeat on this occasion, guarantees to your Excellency the strict fulfillment of this solemn promise." We may therefore conclude that the sensational rumors, now and again repeated, of the part to be taken in the Cuban insurrection by those iron-clads, are utterly without foundation.

City Rents and Country Residence.

We referred briefly the other day to the marvelous change in general character which the population of New-York City is undergoing—we might almost say has already undergone. What used to be known, in old-fashioned phraseology, as the "middling interest" class, though it is here in strong force in *business*, seems to have, in great part, vanished in all other respects from the Island. In the northerly part of the City it may still be, to some extent, found; but it bears no longer its old-time relation of superiority in numbers and influence to the rich and the poor. It has gone to Long Island, New-Jersey, Connecticut, Westchester County—wherever it can find rest for the foot and roof for the head.

It is rents and real estate that have driven out the middling classes to the suburbs. Raise rents for the poor, and they either do not pay, or huddle closer; instead of two families in a house they put four families—instead of two persons in a room, four persons, and so on. With each turn of the screw they are squeezed closer. They have individually no more money to give, but divide the increased rent among more tenants. Or else they are gradually crowded down the ladder from round to round, from a brick house to a frame, from a frame house to a hovel, from a hovel to a part of a hovel. On the other hand, the rich are already owners, or do not mind the increase of a few hundred or thousand dollars per annum in a rental.

But the great middle class can neither submit to the degradation of the poor nor go to the extravagance of the rich. Their business, their social needs, their education, their connections, their children, and what not, prevent them from sinking in the social scale out of mere desire to live in the City; and, in general, their probity as a class will not allow them to remain on false pretences, and by the use of improper means. The only resource left to them is to escape to the country—to fresh air, to room, freedom, ease, companionship, and to colonies of New-Yorkers banished like themselves—banished? "what's banished but set free?"

But until New-York itself gets adjusted to the new state of affairs, it is not good for the prosperity of the City to lose a part of this class. They add much to the real life of a city; they are apt to circulate money freely; in proportion to their incomes they disburse more for the comforts and necessities of life than the very rich, and almost as much for the petty luxuries. And while the wealthy are more likely to hoard, the poor have less to spend than the middling classes. For the common products kept by most retail traders, for the butcher, the baker, the grocer, the plumber, the clothier, the bookseller, these middling classes are the chief sources of profit. High rents having driven them out, they are apt to do a certain fractional part of their "shopping" in the localities whither they have gone. The enormous sums, made up of driblets, which represent the annual household expenses of half a million people, have been gradually withdrawn from New-York, and in some localities this change is severely felt.

On the other hand, some New-York tradesmen, and mechanics, and storekeepers move their places of business into the suburbs; others find the enormous volume of transient trade making up partly for their old "regular customers;" or the growth of the City equals these depletions; or, finally, the easy means of swift travel from country to City make purchasing for out-of-town people easier in the City. Nevertheless, the danger in New-York trade as affected by change in population is a matter of fact, and an interesting one to study and speculate upon. They are the shrewdest merchants who know how to alter their business to suit the shifting character of their custom.

Private Markets for New-York.

The action of the Legislature in considering, with every indication of finally passing, the bill excluding residents of other States from the privileges of our public markets, will, we hope, hasten the sale of those nuisances, and also the establishment of public markets by private enterprise. The bill is a most obnoxious one. It is made wholly in the interests of rural New-York, and against, directly against, those of the people of this City. We who eat the "garden truck" which is brought to this City, without asking where it is from or even inquiring into its freshness, are to pay increased rates, that the garden truck growers of Long Island and Westchester and Putnam and Orange may have an undue advantage over those of New-Jersey and Connecticut. The already insignificant income from our markets is to be reduced by this bill, which lessens the competition for and the rent of the market stalls. And as the present competition in some measure keeps down prices, we suppose the public will be required, when the bill passes and the competition becomes less lively, to pay additional tribute to the New-York hucksters in the shape of still more exorbitant prices for everything. The bill is an infamous one. We hope the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the City Comptroller will hasten to carry out their resolution to sell the markets, and thus make the bill a nullity. It is opposed to the interests of the general public of this City, and ought to be, for that reason, defeated.

It is to be hoped that this bill and the early sale of the markets will induce some of our wide-awake and enterprising citizens to embrace the opportunity of making a great deal of money by building market buildings, to be rented in stalls rather than stores. There are dozens of places up-town, and in Brooklyn and Williamsburg, where markets are imperatively demanded, and in most of the same localities public halls are also needed. In any one of these localities a large building, the lower part of which shall be devoted to the sale, by hucksters, drovers and others, of all the vegetables, meats, fruits, &c., and the upper part devoted to one large room for public meetings, and many smaller ones for private offices, &c., would become, in a very short time, a valuable property. The chief and indeed only requisite to success is that in the markets thus established, the producer and consumer shall come face to face and pay no tax to some middle man. Such markets have been great successes in Philadelphia, Louisville and Boston, and would be still more so in this City, with its scattered inhabitants and its immense patronage from Brooklyn, Jersey City, Staten Island, and even more distant localities. It seems to us that such a market franchise would be better worth having than one for a Broadway railroad; and our chief wonder is that some one does not strike for it.

Street Beggary and Work.

The condition of the London poor is a matter of constant discussion in their journals. We find a capital suggestion in the *Pall Mall Gazette* in reference to the "casuals," who now are entitled to one night's lodging in any one parish, and pay for it by working till noon the next day. This is just suited to keep up the class of vagrant and vicious who go from one parish to another till they have exhausted the round. The suggestion is, to make the work come before the reward, and then to pay not in shelter, but in money and bread at workhouse rates. Thus making the sick and disabled alone entitled to lodging, but any applicant entitled to half a day's work, (and pay for it, which he could expend for lodging,) the class of able-bodied beggars could be dealt with by the Police, and able-bodied "casuals" would not exist.

Street begging is growing rapidly in New-York. It is getting to be a decided and intolerable nuisance. Houses are pestered with applicants for all kinds of help; down-town offices are besieged by men, women and children; the streets are no refuge from importunity, which robes itself in many and ingenious shapes. The science of begging used to be one of the curiosities which amazed Americans in Europe; but like many other fruits of civilization it is finding a full development in our own land, and especially in our own City—the gate through which all straggling Europeans, of high and low degree, must pass to find America.

Some systematic arrangements should be organized by which the able-bodied poor may be provided with work in times of dearth. Be they industrious or idle, they help to form the army of beggars; and, while indiscriminate alms is known to be fruitful of evils, kind-hearted men cannot coldly turn away from misery but ease their own present sympathy by giving often where they feel they should not.

"Pauper labor" is one of the great bugbears with which the demagogues of the working classes frighten their followers into line. But if paupers exist, how shall they be supported? It must be either by their own labor, provided by the public authorities and paid at low rates from the public treasury; or the people must pay taxes to support them outright. It does not need a very long head to see which system costs the public more.

Work-house and *work* are the present want of New-York City to make some provision for the unemployed poor. The industrious would rejoice at it: the idle could be driven to it. The streets would be largely relieved of vagrant beggary by taking away the pretence of "no work." The poor would be in a more organized and accessible condition to be helped by the benevolent, and there would be no class that did not feel the benefit of so simple a scheme.

Real Estate Sales.

The reaction in real estate transactions has been greater than was expected, and the market has for some time past been very flat. The abuses which were practiced during the earlier part of the season have proved very damaging. The demand for unimproved property for a time almost entirely ceased, and for improved property it was only moderate. The recovery is very slow, and it is doubtful whether at this late day there will be any permanent improvement in the kinds of property which have been most freely offered. This is perhaps the most trying time of the year. People are losing interest in City sales, and are directing their attention to country property. Sales of this class have scarcely yet commenced, and the public not caring to buy what is presented, unless very great inducements are offered, and unable to get what they desire, are quietly waiting.

It is to be hoped that in the great sales of out-of-town lots which will soon commence, some being already announced, the speculative element which in the past has been so injurious will be excluded. If it is introduced, if bogus sales are permitted, the army of bidders in called again into service, and the other tricks and clap-traps permitted, the market will at once fall dead and it will be beyond the power of any to bring it to life again. The prospect for country sales now is good; but they must be honest, and perfectly free from the slightest imputation of fraud or trickery. The public have become suspicious, and it will be no easy task to regain its confidence. Without it, a good sale is, of course impossible; with it, satisfactory sales are almost certain. The owners and auctioneers hold the power entirely in their own hands, and, as they use it, so will they succeed or fail.

It is of course quite possible that some adventurous spirits will try to enact again the scenes witnessed during the Boulevard and West Side excitement; but if the responsible and well-known gentlemen who are most interested will promptly discountenance all such efforts, and refuse to be in any way connected with them, the excitement will be but short lived, and can work no lasting injury. We feel justified in believing that they will so act, and consequently look forward to a busy Spring season.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Now that we have got rid of our City pigsties, why should we keep the City cow-styes? Why not let these go after the others? They are worse than the pig-pens. The latter only poisoned the air sporadically, where they happened to squat, while the cow-stalls poison old and young within a very wide circumference. The animals in these stalls are sickened, more or less, in order that they may give their diseased secretions for consumption. When we consider the ease with which milk may be brought in from the country places, it seems a needless piece of barbarism to manufacture it from swill in the street stables. It is a question if the milk in use in cities does not do as much injury to the children as alcohol does to the adults of society.

In view of the growing taste for vehement horse-driving, it is suggested that the roadways of the Central Park should be widened, so as to give room for the general rush. But the Park, as now laid out, is not large enough to afford the hippodrome which would satisfy fast New-York. Such might have originally been made round the outer edge of the Park, allowing the gay spectacle to be seen in safety from the interior space, as well as from the avenues, and having all the splendid effect of the Hyde Park "ring," in London. As the people of New-York must have their hippodrome, perhaps they will yet order it in that mode; which is easy enough of execution.

They are talking in England of sending CHARLES DICKENS as Minister to Washington, for the purpose of smoothing the *Alabama* difficulty. Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON'S success in that line of diplomacy is no great encouragement for the distinguished novelist, who, in this country, would be worried in a hundred and fifty ways, and feel as if he was thrown into the yeasty waves to divert the great whale of the democracy. The end might be that he would go home, *re infecta*, and write another "Tale of a Tub," which, of course, would sufficiently include that weary old *Alabama*. Mr. DICKENS does not seem to want "to lie abroad for the good of his country," for he says he will stand and fall with literature.

Philadelphia must be credited with the most modest demand yet made in behalf of the Cuban insurgents. At the meeting of Cuban sympathisers there, a resolution was adopted, asking the United States Government to "recognize the Cubans as belligerents before the British Government does so." That is an extremely moderate request; and when we see the faintest indication on Great Britain's part to do anything of the sort, we ought to comply. The Congressional dilly-dallying on Cuba seems to have affected the spirits of the Philadelphia friends of the insurgents, so that now even the smallest favors will be thankfully received.

We said recently that those of our German fellow-citizens opposed to the Excise law amendment ought to be heard on the bill before the Legislature. It seems they are taking up the matter with much interest, and that remonstrances against the "lager-beer" amendment, signed by many of the most respectable names among them, authenticated by their places of residence, are being sent up to Albany. We may also allude to the action of the Eastern Conference of the German Methodist Churches, which claims the right to speak, both as representing in part the general German sentiment of the country, and because many of the congregations are within the Metropolitan Police District. The First Presbytery of New-York, in session at the University-place Church, on Tuesday adopted a remonstrance against the amendment similar to that of the Fourth Presbytery heretofore published. From other parts of the State letters and remonstrances to the same effect are being sent to the Senate.

Some of the political philosophers are suggesting that we shall accept Canada from England, in payment of the *Alabama* claims, shake hands, abandon the principle involved, and cry "quits." If an early settlement of the difficulty is not had, we shall have received, without consideration, all of Canada that is worth having—her population. They can't be kept at home, it seems, but insist on emigrating to the West. The Canadian Parliament and papers are endeavoring to stem the tide of emigration, but in vain. Why should we hasten to squabble for territory we do not need, and which England would happily be rid of, when we are getting her population as fast as we can, and settling them in the very region in which they are most wanted? It would be a very bad bargain indeed!

Russia recently furnished a shining exemplification of the extension of feminine industries by the graduation of a young woman as physician. France, always early in scientific progress, has just shown a similar relaxation of ancient prejudices by admitting to the higher lectures on botany, chemistry, toxicology and elementary physics, a young woman named DOUMERGUE, who had passed a brilliant examination before the Academy of Montpelier. If we are going to open all professions to women, let it be done with as good reason as the Europeans have for it.

Protestants are rejoicing over the change of spirit in the Spanish authorities. Heretofore, if there was a place "where two or three were assembled together" to say their prayers in their own way, it was in silence and secrecy and mortal fear. Since the revolutionary developments of last Fall, several Protestant preaching rooms have been opened, committees organized, and other straightforward steps taken. The municipality of Madrid have now made free grant of a piece of ground for the purpose of building a Protestant church. In these advancing steps of liberty all good men, be they Catholics or Protestants, should be glad, for whatever may be needed by a temporal churchly power, that religion which is to really flourish in spiritual power must be one growing freely and fruitfully.

The plan of M. BOUTET to build a viaduct across the Channel between France and England, has, notwithstanding its favorable consideration by the Emperor, been severely criticized, particularly by the English engineering journals. That gentleman is about to make a practical defence of his plan of construction, (the point found fault with,) by erecting a similar viaduct from the French coast to the insular town of St. Malo. This, though not comparable in engineering difficulties, such as depth of water, length of bridge, &c., will well illustrate the principles of construction, and in the violent marine action of the coast waters will give a fair test of strength and durability.

We all had some fun in laughing at General BANKS' Congressional Court Costume bill, but while we are getter stricter in our regulation business, the English seem to be relaxing little by little. The London Police force have just been delighted by the publication of an order to the effect that "The Metropolitan Police will in future be permitted to wear beards and mustaches." Bad for the barbers.

Apropos of Mr. SUMNER'S speech on the *Alabama* question, which, despite its pacific tone, puts the *morale* of that whole question into more forcible form than any amount of ranting could do or has yet done, we have been glad to find a very sensible statement of the American feeling on this topic on the New-York correspondence of the London *Daily News*. Leaving out of view the political aspect of the question, the correspondent looks at it entirely from a social point of view—which, indeed, is the secret of the American dislike for England. He says:

"It is difficult for anybody who ever read the Times and *Herald* and Post and Telegraph in England during the war to form an adequate idea of the exasperation produced, not by their hostility to the war, but by the scorn, and even loathing, they affected for everything and everybody Northern. This exasperation was intensified by the conduct of the resident English, who rarely lost an opportunity of proclaiming their sympathy with the South, and reviling and ridiculing their Northern neighbors. The Englishmen who came over to travel, played much the same part, and even in Northern houses and at Northern dinner-tables made the expression of their views the subject of fierce denunciation or ridicule. Every Southern story was received by Englishmen as gospel truth; every Northern one was treated ostentatiously as a bag of lies."

Englishmen must appreciate something of this before they can approach the *Alabama* question in the right frame of mind for a pacific settlement. The loss of property and the destruction of commerce is much, but "more remains behind."

The appointment of Supervisor HENRY SMITH to the position on the Police Board vacated by the resignation of Commissioner ACTON, was agreed upon on Friday evening in joint caucus, and will probably be made upon joint ballot next week. Mr. SMITH has been for years a leading merchant of this City, and he is now the President of the Bowling-green Savings Bank. He has occupied several public positions, and is both politically and personally popular.

THEATRICAL.

The Pantomimes.

The pantomime of "Robinson Crusoe," which was to have formed the Summer attraction at Wallack's Theatre, is to be brought out at Tammany to-morrow evening. The scenery and machinery which had been imported for Mr. MOSS has been transferred to Mr. GROVER, and by this means Mr. G. is able to steal a march on Manager COLVILLE, who will not be ready with his pantomime until the following week. All of Mr. COLVILLE'S artists have arrived from England, however, and rehearsals for their *début* are of daily occurrence. These comprise Miss Marion Taylor, burlesque actress and vocalist; Miss Marie Longmore, Mrs. Joseph Irving, London; Miss Pateman, Mlle. Julie Feder, danseuse, from Vienna; Mr. Joseph Irving, principal comedian; Mr. J. Wallace, Mr. Pateman, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Chrisdee and Mr. Charles Abbott, pantomimists; and Mr. Fred. W. Humphreys, musical director. It is stated also that Mlle SOLEE will appear in the ballet at WOOD'S. The ZANFRETTAS, a clever family of pantomimists, formerly with the BRAVELS, are engaged for the Tammany "Robinson," we hear, but none of the artists engaged for Mr. MOSS' season will appear there. These are all to be reserved for Wallack's Theatre, and will make their *début* in a new entertainment, ("Sinbad the Sailor," we believe,) which has been substituted for the piece originally proposed.

"Humpty Dumpty," in the meantime, is preparing something new for his friends. Mr. HAYNE is at work upon new scenery for his old friend, and Mr. FOX is working out new tricks.

The "Seven Dwarfs," which enter their sixth week at the Bowery to-morrow, require neither attraction nor addition. The theatre is crowded nightly.

Benefits Next Week.

The little bundle of benefits, of which we made mention before, will all be unfolded within the next ten evenings.

Next Thursday, Mr. NEIL BRYANT is to have his testimonial at the Academy of Music, with his brother DAN in "Handy Andy," as the main attraction. There will be a multitude of entertainments on the occasion, however, any one of which might "draw a house."

On the following evening, which will be SHAKESPEARE'S anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY WILLIAMS are to have a farewell benefit, and make their last appearance at the Broadway Theatre.

Mr. WILLIAMSON takes his benefit on the next evening, in the new drama to be called "Dick Swiveller," and that performance will close the season at the Broadway. Mr. WALLACK has given permission for Mrs. SIDDLEY BROWN, Mr. ROCKWELL, Mr. LEONARD, and Mr. MATHEWS to play, and the managers of the Waverley lend Mr. COLEMAN. Mrs. WILLIAMS will also appear.

Notes of Various Interest.

Young GREGORY, who does the daring leap at Tammany, fell the other evening, and but for the netting beneath him, would certainly have been killed. He fell sprawling, and his weight bore the net nearly to the ground.

Mr. WALLACK goes to Europe on the 12th of May.

The Europein Circus is to pitch tents and begin another season on its old field, in Thirty-fourth-street, to-morrow.

LOTTA is to go to California this Summer by the overland route.

A new comedy by ROBERTSON, called "A Breach of Promise," and a drama by BYRON, entitled "Leonard's Love," have been sent to this country.

The anniversary of the birthday of SHAKESPEARE will be celebrated on Friday, the 23d inst., at the Music Hall, New-Haven, by the performance of "Othello" by a full and efficient dramatic company. Mrs. EMMA WALLER will play the part of *Iago*, Mr. W. H. POPE, formerly of Wallack's Theatre, appearing in the title *rôle*.

A benefit for JOHN BROUGHAM is spoken of. Don't the actors who lost situations by the failure of his management require one as well?

A new English burlesque troupe, called the "Rogers & Wilmore London Company," are said to have failed distinctly.

Mr. DEXTER FOLLETT, who built and owned half of Selwyn's Theatre in Boston, has sold his share to Mr. CHENEY, his partner.

Thirty-five thousand dollars have been subscribed toward a new theatre for Albany.

Mr. HACKETT has been severely ill, and was prevented playing at Chicago in consequence.

Miss KATE REIGNOLDS has a new play called "Bound," in which she has won a success.

JEFFERSON plays in Boston next week.

The San Francisco Minstrels have two comical acts now on the bills—"A Court of Justice" and "Tempest in the Teapot."

The BRYANTS' season closes next week. They go to Washington for a fortnight, and then return to New-York.

Notes of the Foreign Drama.

BOUCICAULT is now engaged upon four dramas, all to be produced before next Christmas.

TOM TAYLOR'S new play, "Wen by a Head," has failed.

Miss BATEMAN is to commence her farewell engagement in England June 21.

BUCKSTONE celebrated the sixteenth year of his management of the Haymarket Theatre on March 29.

ALBONI has consented to sing in London in ROSSINI'S Mass, at $120 a night.

A burlesque entitled "Hypermnestra, the Girl of the Period," has been played at the Lyceum, London. It serves to introduce a variety of dances and tableaux.

J. S. CLARKE has just played one hundred nights in London.

SUSAN DENIN, an American actress, has made her *début* at the Surrey as *Claude Melnotte*.

PERSONAL.

The Providence newspapers are severe in their notices of EMERSON'S readings in that city. His selections embraced the story of "Merlin and Vivien," extracts from CHAUCER, characteristic incidents of life in the middle ages, translations of the earlier Danish and Norse poetry, and were interspersed with original comments on the topics treated. The Providence people voted the readings slow, and the comments not up to the high Emersonian mark.

Hon. GEORGE W. CURTIS delivers his instructive lecture on "Sir PHILIP SIDNEY," at the Pavilion, New-Brighton, Staten Island, on Tuesday next, the 20th instant. Those who attend will not only enjoy a rich intellectual treat, but, at the same time, contribute to the support of the Smith Infirmary—the only hospital on the island where the suffering homeless, or the victims of sudden accident, can find necessary attention and relief.

The numerous friends of Captain DUNCAN, who commanded the *Quaker City* on her voyage to the Holy land, will regret to learn of the death of his estimable wife, which took place on Saturday. Her funeral will take place from the lecture room of Plymouth Church on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER will officiate.

Rev. A. WOODBURY, of Providence, will supply the pulpit for the free religious services in the large Hall of the Cooper Institute to-day, morning and evening.

Brigadier-General PHILIP S. CROOKE has been released from arrest, and is to resume command of the Fifth Brigade.

List of names of Americans registered with NORTON & Co., American Bankers, No. 8 Rue Scribe, Paris: L. Abbott, New-Orleans; G. K. Ackerman, St. Louis; M. R. Adams, London; A. George Bullock, Massachusetts; Henry R. Boody, Henry A. Bowen, W. R. Bliss and lady, F. W. Bliss, C. W. Darling and lady, New-York; Mrs. J. E. Dalton, Massachusetts; W. L. Eaton, Hartford; John Ewen, Mrs. Ewen, New-York; Wm. Farmer, Pennsylvania; G. A. Fellows and lady, C. Fisher and family, Cyrus W. Field, New-York; F. M. Fowler, Boston; E. M. Gregory, New-York; J. G. Holland and family, Springfield; B. Howard and family, Chicago; A. Homworth, Liverpool; John Hulme and family, Philadelphia; Edgar Howland, —— Jackson, Walter J. Klot and family, New-York; J. Kayh Chicago; Hugh McCurry Little, U. S. Navy; Mrs. J. Little, New-York; M. F. Momous, Paris; Mrs. S. M. Mygatt, New-York; Commodore Pennock, U. S. Navy; Mrs. A. M. Pennock, F. Welles and lady, Miss E. Welles, R. Welles, Edwin Wilcox and lady, D. H. Wickham and lady, Jas. Wilcox, John B. Baker, New-York; F. H. Whitmore and family, Connecticut; H. McOrwell, London; J. Marous Rice, M. D., and lady, Worcester, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Parker, Brooklyn; W. F. Shirley and family, Th. Stiver, H. A. Bowen, New-York; Rev. H. B. Hitchings, Denver, Col.; H. Clay, Philadelphia; Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Waldridge, Ohio; J. Q. A. Warren, Boston; B. Hammatt Norton, Jr., Paris.

The Second-avenue Railroad.

In another column this morning will be found a card from the Directors of the Second-avenue Railroad Company, in which their version of the strike among the drivers is given.

The Union League Club—Proposed Testimonial to President Jay.

The Committee, consisting of Colonel CANNON, WILLIAM ORTON, W. T. BLODGETT, S. H. WALES, J. LORIMER and B. H. HUTTON, appointed at an informal meeting of the Union League Club on the 15th instant, for the purpose of devising some suitable testimonial of respect to Mr. JOHN JAY, the President, in view of his early departure to enter upon his mission to the Court of Vienna, rendered a report at a special meeting of the Club

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

Free Trade—Metropolitan Crime and Misery—New Iron-Clad—An Old Tragedy—Musical and Dramatic Gossip.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, April 3, 1869.

The elaborate and admirable statement of wages and cost of living in New-York has been copied from the New-York TIMES into the leading English newspapers, and is widely commented upon by the Press; the moral being the necessity of free trade, to reduce the cost of living in America. But if free trade were to reduce the wages of labor in the same proportion, nothing would be gained. America largely supplies England with the staples of food and clothing. The poor live on American corn-meal, and we have no end of American flour, pork, cheese, rice, cotton, &c. How can Americans supply Englishmen with food, staples of manufacture, whisky and tobacco, and still be in such a bad condition in the relations of wages and living? Free trade might make clothing and certain manufactured articles cheap, but it would proportionably increase the export, and so raise the price of food. There is, I believe, a free trade society in New-York, and its members may be able to solve the problem.

CRIME AND MISERY.

The *Times* correspondent, who has been, with the aid of the Police, investigating the crime of East London and its chosen haunts, has paid a visit to the dark, crowded, and not always nice-smelling section on the south side of the Thames. He finds it worse than the East End. There the desert of crime is varied by scattering oases of poverty and pauperism. "Cast-Iron Poll," of Cow-bay, a virago who boasts of having been sent to prison fifty-three times, may cost a sort of lurid glory over Shadwell; but whole districts peopled with criminals, who will pay any rent rather than be separated from the society to which they belong, and a whole generation of children educated to crime must be the special glory of the Borough. In the very centres of this great and populous district, around the great omnibus and railway focus of the Elephant and Castle, fast by Mr. BRUNGNOR's tabernacle, are these cities of sin, whose entire populations are thieves, counterfeiters, receivers of stolen goods, beggars, prostitutes, men and women ready to rob, and, if necessary, to murder, though that is as much as possible avoided, as it leads to troublesome inquiries. And the more cunning of these habitual, life-long criminals, trained to crime from the cradle, are seldom caught. The reckless, blundering, drinking, or accidental criminals are more often punished. "Cast-Iron Poll" has grown so fond of prison life that she only comes out to have a spree, soon gets tired of liberty, and then smashes a publican's window or attacks the first man or woman she meets to get in again. She goes to the Police and demands to be arrested, but they cannot take her to prison until she has done something—qualified herself for admission. In these gardens of guilt—Christian Sodoms—the whole population lives in crime—lives by crime—and the children born here, and drawn into these vortices, are trained to professions of outlawry. There are, Miss FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE asserts in a recent magazine paper, 100,000 stray children in London; children on the streets, in the gutter, without care or schooling, sleeping where they can, eating what they can beg or steal. Many are too wild and ragged for the ragged schools. They will not bear confinement. They detest work, they are disgusted at the idea of washing themselves. In any bearable weather they prefer a lodging in a railway arch to the comforts of the casual ward, because, before enjoying them, they must undergo the penance of the bath.

Miss RYE, who has been engaged in the emigration of servant girls to Canada, now proposes to transfer a few thousand of these children, if they can be caught, to Canada or the western States of America; but she meets with some discouragement. Shipowners will not take them without a guarantee that they will not have to bring them back again. The large towns of America, it is said, have waifs enough of their own. Then the little wretches, if old enough to go abroad, are so wedded to their wild Arab life, and such incorrigible little Ishmaelites, that nothing can be done for them. This is true, however, only of those who are hereditary vagabonds for two or three generations. They are like the Gipsies, Australians, or American Indians, almost impossible to civilize.

It is a wonder where so many small vagabonds come from. They are in part the children of the predatory and criminal classes, but also the children of misfortune and vice. A young workman marries a girl as poor and ignorant as himself, and they have six or eight children. Their meagre wages are supplemented by parish relief, and medical attendance comes from the hospitals or dispensaries. They live in one room, drink up their wages, perhaps die of typhus, and the children are in the streets, getting their education and foraging for a living. There are also a great number of children born every year in Great Britain who have no fathers that they know of, and whose mothers are unable or unwilling to take care of them. Last year, in Scotland, the most educated and religious portion of the United Kingdom, the registered births were 115,078, of which number 11,628 were illegitimate. The Scotch all go to kirk, they dare not even brush their hats on Sunday; but they drink some whisky, and in the most religious or strictly Sunday-keeping districts the illegitimate births are over seventeen per cent. of the whole. For some reason the proportion in Ireland is so small that but for Ulster it would not be worth counting; and it is a curious fact in morals that there should be ten times as many illegitimate births in proportion to the population in England as in Italy. Whatever the causes, the effect is a large recruitment of the great army of infant vagabondage and crime.

London is full of charitable societies, collecting money by millions, yet they do not seem to lessen this growing evil. Two new societies are now calling for contributions. One proposes to examine every case presented, and to help every worthy applicant; but it is the unworthy who need help. This society has come to call the righteous. Another proposes to put the waste labor upon the waste land of the United Kingdom. Of this—waste or uncultivated—we are told there are more than three millions of acres, and each acre can be made to produce fifty dollars' worth of food a year—$150,000,000. I fear that little will be done by any society. They are mostly shams. After the first fervor of their formation, they fall into routine. Subscriptions enough come in to pay the officers' salaries, and they keep up a show of work—often only a show. This is not the worst. Every person whose name figures in reports and newspaper lists as a guinea or five guinea subscriber, imagines that he has done his duty to God and his country, and feels no further responsibility. Societies do next to nothing themselves, and paralyze individual effort. The Government, which ought to adopt every unprovided, uneducated child, as child of the State—*enfant de la patrie*—refuses to do its work, and leaves it to voluntary effort, the sham work of these sham societies. England wants soldiers, sailors, policemen, teachers, skilled workers, at home and in all her colonies. For a fraction of the money now expended on army and navy she might educate and train this entire juvenile population to serve and love their country—to honor and defend it everywhere, instead of being its burden, disgrace and danger.

In the terrible anxiety to do something, and the feeling that something must be done, the English mind turns to emigration as the simplest method of relief. The working millions are not much wanted here. A great silent civil war has broken out, where one has been long smouldering, in Lancashire. It begins in one corner, but it is leavening the whole district. The Preston operatives are calling for help—sending their pale and grimy delegations to every town in that vast forest of factory chimneys. They were patient of the cotton famine while the war that made it lasted. They stood still, awed by the far boom of battle. When thousands were dying heroically on the field of war, they were content to starve a little at home. And then the Government came to their aid with loans for public works, and all England contributed with such liberality that when there was work again they were obliged to spend the surplus fund in building hospitals. It is different now. The manufacturers, even with a short supply of inferior cotton, can go on a while longer if they can get labor cheap enough. But cheap labor means close competition with French and Belgian, as good or better to work, but who can live on half the wages of English people, because they know how. There is a strike, therefore, and we may have the scenes of 1842 over again, when Preston resembled a famished and beleaguered city.

"The streets were full of starved children, wandering about in search of food; men and women, with hungry eyes, standing idle on the pavements; soldiers and police in readiness to quell violence and protect property; and, after vast sums had been spent, when positive destitution was at hand, when thousands of homes had been broken up, when the furniture of the poor had been pledged to the last stick, and when women had sold their marriage rings to buy a meal for their little ones—all that frenzied heroism was found to have been fruitless; work was resumed without the slightest advance of wages; the place was physically and morally desolate, and the battle had been fought in vain."

The Government will not help—it is against its declared and settled policy. Capital cannot be coerced to act against its interests—it may be driven from England, however, as so much has been. It will go where two things beckon it—security and profit. Offer those, and you may have English capital in limitless quantities in America. Ignorant, but with a dogged bravery, the English workman wars upon capital and drives it away. He loses no opportunity to strike for higher wages. He understands that as well as the Jamaica negro, who in every press of work and danger of ruin to his employer, demands more wages. Let a man get a good contract, or be in danger of losing by not completing one in time, and his men, instead of exerting themselves to the utmost like faithful soldiers, working night and day, if need be, to finish the work, strike, mutiny, do what on a man-of-war, or in an army would bring them to a drum-head court-martial. The other day English contractors and English workmen had the mortification of seeing a large Government contract for granite work in Cornwall given to Frenchmen, just as English iron men and machinists are mortified to be drawn over Belgian rails, on English railways, by French locomotives. Cornwall is famed for granite, and has no lack of quarrymen and masons, and a sad lack of work for some time past, but no English contractor could venture to compete with Frenchmen, because English workmen are tied up in Trades Unions, and are liable any day to get an order from London, to stop work, to strike for higher wages. If the Government of the country gave such an order they would see it further before they obeyed, but a Trades Union has more power of command, and more power to punish.

Great populations out of work are a great burden, costly to maintain and dangerous every every way. The readiest remedy is to get rid of them—send them somewhere over the sea. The Irish went and helped others to follow; but the English seldom do that way. Every one for himself. The Irish send home millions of their hard earnings from America. I should be glad to hear of Englishmen or Scotchmen ever doing a tenth part as much. So if the poor English wish to emigrate they must be helped by those who wish to be rid of them, or those who want them. If you want a few hundred thousand clever artisans, with English habits and morals, clannish, bumptious, ready to strike whenever the humor takes them, or whenever they are ordered to do so by their trade government, you have only to charter a few hundred ships and bring them over. They will do good work, and their children, though by no means as bright as the Irish, can be educated into good solid American citizens.

NEW RAILROAD.

The great Huncorn Viaduct, carried on ninety-eight arches, completes at last the fast railway line between London and Liverpool, and the whole distance, 200 miles, can now be run in four hours. A saving of time is effected by not stopping for water, which is scooped up from between the rails, when running at full speed, an operation so easy that it might be universally adopted. It is only to have a long trough, let down a scoop, and the water will rush up a tube and fill the tank. Fifty miles an hour is common enough running; but 200 miles in four hours is, I believe, rather unusual.

NEW IRON-CLAD.

Mr. LAIRD, of Birkenhead, who seems to be under the same ban with poor Mr. ROEBUCK in America, is, notwithstanding, in high favor with his own Government, and has just launched one of Captain COLE's turret iron-clad steamers, *The Captain*, a vessel of 4,272 tons, twin screws, strong ram, and two large turrets, armed with rifled 600-pounders. This model ship has been built by the LAIRDS on Captain COLE's plans, in the most thorough and costly manner, to test the principle, and is intended to be the finest and most formidable war vessel in the world. Why the British Government is spending such large sums on its navy just now is not very apparent. It may be the Suez Canal; it may be to give Mr. LAIRD the opportunity to atone for his fault in sending out the *Alabama*. Certainly, all things considered, employing him to build a large part of the British Navy is an act of singular magnanimity on the part of the Government. Either he is held to have committed no offence in the *Alabama* matter, and to have contemplated none in that of the two rams which were arrested and then purchased of him, or his faults have been generously forgiven. Would the American Government deal in this way with a great capitalist who should fit out steamers for the service of rebels—in Cuba, say?

THE MARQUIS OF WATERFORD.

The Marquis of Waterford, in consequence of his and escapade, has given orders to close his Irish establishment, Curraghmore. It is broken up, servants discharged, horses, &c., sold, to the great sorrow and serious loss of the district. There ought to be a rule by which his case could be brought at once before the House of Lords, he degraded from the Peerage, and his titles and property, except a modest pension, conferred upon a more worthy person. But running away with another man's wife is not a crime in English law. Captain VIVIAN can sue for damages, appealing to that wonderful thing, the justice of a British jury. The Divorce Court is also open to him; but this is for the benefit of all the parties concerned.

"MURDER WILL OUT!"

A matrimonial case in a lower rank of life is the present sensation of the chief town in Eastern England. On New-Year's Day an innkeeper from Norwich, spending his holidays in London, after some days' meditation of suicide, went to a police station and demanded to be taken into custody for having, thirteen years before, murdered his wife and cut her up in pieces in Norwich. His statement was carefully written down, and signed by the wretched man; it was remembered that his wife mysteriously disappeared at the period specified, that he had soon married again, that the remains of a woman had been found scattered about, and an inquest held upon them without result. The man was committed for trial, denied his confession, put in a plea of not guilty, and has just been tried, convicted and sentenced to death. His health seems breaking up, as well it may, after this long agony of remorse, and it is doubtful whether he will live to be hanged. It is sometimes true that murder will out.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD PAUL, very well known in America, I believe, gave an entertainment the other night at St. John's Wood—the Bohemian suburb of London—a high, airy, delightful region of villas and gardens, and the favorite residence of *les petits dames* and the girls of the period. It was a *bal des artistes* at the Eyre Arms Assembly Rooms, and was attended by all the nice and clever actresses of London, whose beauty, grace and wonderful toilettes drove several painters, and possibly some other fellows, completely crazy. In any professional point of view it was not a bad thing to do. Mr. HOWARD PAUL is very ingenious in devices for keeping his talents before the public, and will never be prosecuted for putting his clever wife in a box, or his candle under a bushel. A few weeks ago he interested every impressionable brain in Britain in his affairs, by offering five pounds reward for the best title for his new entertainment.

Mrs. JOHN WOOD, who did not succeed the first time trying with the Londoners, is not going to give it up so. She has taken the St. James Theatre, close by St. James-square and Pall Mall, the centre of fashionable London, is having it completely rebuilt, and will open with a strong company in October.

PATTI, in Marguite, has returned from St. Petersburg, with more glory and cash than was ever brought before from that extravagant capital. It is said that she never went out without a Czar or Grand Duke to accompany her, and she has brought back a diamond, once belonging to the Empress CATHERINE II., which is to other diamonds as the dome of St. Paul's to common pumpkins. I trust this is no exaggeration; but when I have seen the diamond on the fair songstress, if it proves to be one, I promise to make the due correction. MONADNOCK.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF.

The *Journal de Nice* relates that an act of terrible vengeance has just been perpetrated in that town. M. PONTEVOTE, proprietor of the Pension Suisse in the quarter of the Carabacel, having been recently in Paris, received there some private information as to the misconduct of his wife during his absence. He accordingly started one day in a fast train for Nice, where he arrived on the morrow, and on the same night surprised the woman in *Rapports de Nice* with one BALBY, a working jeweler. The husband immediately fired four shots with a revolver at the man, killing him on the spot, and a fifth at his wife, who managed to escape unwounded into the street, where she was taken into custody by a patrol. The perpetrator then went and delivered himself up to justice.

The Mazzinian movement in Italy is creating much uneasiness. The *Constitutionnel* has the following paragraph on the subject: "If anything ought to disturb the Italian Government, it is certainly not the presence of our flag in the provinces of the Holy See, but rather the Mazzinian agitations which are just now absorbing all the attention of the Florentine Cabinet. Let us hasten to say that we believe General MENABREA and his colleagues possess the ways and means of holding these enemies of order at a distance."

The King of Italy, in answer to the deputation that presented him with a laurel crown, is reported to have let fall certain covert hints which decidedly refer to the troubles arising from the Mazzinian party. The Paris correspondent of the London *Telegraph* quotes the following sentence, but does not vouch for its entire veracity: "Serious, very serious, moments are at hand, and never has it been more urgent that we should be united. Events are going to take place that will bring about the accomplishment of our hopes and the welfare of the country."

Professor PALMIERI, of Naples, has sent to the journals of that city the following communication: "The sysmograph of the Observatory of Vesuvius continues to register some slight shocks, which are not of the sort that indicate an approaching eruption, but are indications of certain subterraneous commotions under the Italian soil or the neighboring Mediterranean coasts. The very fine sand which has lately fallen on our city, and which came as I thought from distant countries, is now ascertained to have been really blown from Africa. A much greater quantity has fallen in Sicily and on the Calabrian coast."

The Emperor of Austria, on his return to Vienna, addressed an autograph letter to Admiral TEGETOFF, congratulating him on the great progress realized within the last two years in the Austrian navy. His Majesty, during his last journey, visited all the maritime establishments of the Adriatic, was present at the maneuvres of the armor-plated squadron, and recognized the merit of the new naval artillery. He now declares, with great satisfaction, that Austria at the present day possesses a war fleet worthy of her power and high destinies. The letter in question, so flattering to the whole navy, has been published by the Admiral in an order of the day.

In the sitting of the Cortes on March 1, Marshal SERRANO, in answer to a question, stated that the relations of the Spanish Government with the Court of Rome were friendly; the Cabinet of Madrid had no knowledge of any letter from the Pope to Queen ISABELLA in which the title of "Majesty" was given her.

Late arrivals from the Cape of Good Hope report that a tract of country 60 miles long, and varying in breadth from 15 to 150 miles, had been desolated by a fire unparalleled in the annals of the colony. The weather had been unusually hot and dry for the previous six weeks. On the 9th of February the temperature throughout the colony was to more intense heat than ever previously known. During the morning scorching hot winds blew from the northeast, and in the afternoon a fire broke out at several places in the burned district, and wrapt millions of acres of excellent pasture, cultivation, the cultivated lands, farm buildings, native forests and bush, farm stock and wild animals sharing the same fate. In a few hours hundreds of pounds' worth of property was destroyed, the European colonists and natives alike suffering, and in the majority of cases the sufferers losing all they possessed. Several persons were also burnt to death, the casualties in the majority of cases occurring to the natives and to the wives and children of the colonists. Those saved had to take shelter in the rivers, water dams, and wet ditches, where many of them were badly scorched. The calamity occurring just after the harvest, and an unusually good one, and destroying its produce, has caused great distress in the Districts of Swellendam, Riversdale, Mossel Bay, George and Oudtshoorn, the Kuysna, Humansdorf and Uitenhage. It is believed that the damage would have extended further but for the rain setting in. Meetings have been held in the colony to relieve the sufferers, and an appeal had been sent to England.

TWITCHELL AGAIN.

An Alleged Confession—How the Murder was Committed.

From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, April 17.

The melancholy tragedy which commenced with the murder of Mrs. HILL and ended with the suicide of GEORGE S. TWITCHELL, Jr., in his cell on the night previous to his appointed execution, would seem to have no ending as far as reports about its various details are concerned. During the past few hours a rumor of a full confession by the suicide to his counsel has been widely circulated, and on tracing it to its source, we regard it as of sufficient importance and reliability to be laid before the public. It is necessary to state in advance, however, that TWITCHELL's counsel feel unable to give the public any direct light on the subject, being bound by the rules of professional etiquette not to divulge any secrets confided to them by their client.

The confession which TWITCHELL is reported to have made to his counsel is substantially as follows:

"On the day previous to the murder of Mrs. HILL, TWITCHELL, bent upon effecting her death with his own hands, made a slung-shot at his place of business in Camden. With this murderous weapon he struck the old lady a formidable blow, no one but the actors in the tragedy being present, and then, unassisted, threw the body from the window into the yard. He then walked down stairs into the yard, and proceeded to wash the blood from his hands at the hydrant. While so engaged he noticed that the body of his mother-in-law lying near him still exhibited manifestations of life. As soon as this discovery was made he hastened into the house, entering the kitchen first. The first murderous weapon which he encountered here was the poker found near the body of the murdered woman. This he seized, and hurrying back to the yard dealt the dying woman another blow on the head, finishing the murderous work. He then repaired to his room, and the dead was discovered in the manner with which the public is already familiar."

Such is the substance of the alleged confession, and we give it for what it is worth. It will not be amiss, however, to recall a circumstance which tends in some measure to confirm this story. Mr. MANN, on the trial of TWITCHELL, endeavored to prove that the weapon which inflicted the fatal blows was a slung-shot, and not the poker. If, as reported, Mr. MANN really knew that a slung-shot did the work, his earnestness in pressing this point can be readily accounted for.

Four Children Burned to Death.

From the Flemingsburg (Ky.) Democrat, April 10.

On Tuesday night, about 10 o'clock, the house of Mr. NELSON HURST, living about one mile from Poplar Plains, in this county, burned up, and four of his children perished in the flames. On the night in question Mr. HURST and his wife went over to his father's, about a mile and a half distant, to spend the night, leaving the house in charge of the children, seven in number, the oldest a young lady in her teens. While there Mr. HURST had occasion to go out of doors, and looking in the direction of his home, discovered a large light, and called to his wife saying he thought his house was on fire. He then ran as fast as he could in the direction of his home, and only arrived there in time to find his dwelling nearly consumed. Three of the children he found in the yard screaming with fright and wringing their little hands, and naked older sister when they lay down. They had made their escape through the aid of an older brother, aged about 12 years, who alleged, last his life in the fire in attempting to save another of his sisters.

The oldest boy, aged 12 years, was first awakened by the smoke; he made a jump for the door, and succeeded in opening it. He then went back into the house and dragged a younger sister from it, and then a second, and then a third, and went back again for the fourth, when the burning sank upon his gallant head, and he too was seen no more. The little fellow gave up his life, after saving three of his brothers and sisters, in a daring and heroic act to save the others. The four children who perished, strange to say, were the oldest. They doubtless suffocated with the smoke.

NEW-YORK.

The Commercial Metropolis or the Political Capital of the Republic.

From the Cincinnati Commercial, April 16.

There are very few Western men who have occasion to go to the National Capital, who would not like to combine with it a visit to the commercial Metropolis of the country. If their errand is of a business and political nature, they are obliged, after proceeding to Washington, to continue their journey to New-York.

Washington as the capital of the United States was well enough half a century ago, before the Great West had been settled and carved up into States scarcely second in resources and population to any of the thirteen original States. But it is now out of the way. It never has had, and will never have, any commercial importance. Remove the Capitol and it would speedily relapse into a respectable fishing village, visited occasionally by tourists and antiquarians, because it was once the Capital and contains some piles of marble historically, if not architecturally, worth looking at, and the relics of some old families who have drawn their support for nearly three generations from strangers flocking to the Capital as Senators and Representatives, office-holders and office-seekers, politicians, journalists and lobbyists.

In times of great political and public interest the inadequacy of the city to accommodate the multitudes concentrated there has been a subject of volumes of complaint. The hotels, WILLARD's perhaps excepted, are small, and none of them rank as first-class. Boarding-houses are numerous, but a brief residence in one of them is sufficient to cure a man for life-time of any desire for that style of living. Of itself it is a sleepy, dull town, inconvenient to get to, and offering no inducements, outside of politics, to attract population or induce one to remain in it a day longer than business requires.

The Capital should be in some city which is the centre or terminus of a system of railroads radiating to all parts of the continent; a city equally attractive to the business and professional man, the merchant as well as the politician; a city having population enough to number by people likely to be drawn to it upon any occasion. It seems to us that New-York answers all these requirements better than any other that can be named. Before the century is closed, it is not improbable that the Dominion of Canada and the West India Islands will form part of the Great Republic. Equally accessible by land and sea, the focus of the commerce and travel of the continent, and its monetary and business centre, it would be what London is to Great Britain, and St. Petersburg to an empire only less extensive than ours, and to which all sorts of people, upon all sorts of business, would naturally gravitate.

One of the objections that has been urged to a change of the seat of Government, is the expense to which the people have been subjected in the erection of suitable buildings for the accommodation of a dozen potential heads. But were a proposition to locate the Capitol in New-York submitted to her people, on condition that they erect equally costly and more commodious buildings, we undertake to say that the money would be forthcoming, and the people at large accounted against expense on that score. Millions would be counted as nothing against the advantage, direct and indirect, of such an increase to the already commanding position of the City.

One of the misfortunes of the location of the Capitol in a city like Washington: is that, having no natural advantages or resources of its own, it becomes in a large sense dependent upon the bounty of the National Legislature. The Washingtonians, like the ancient Romans, expect the nation to supply them with subsistence and amusement. Small crumbs of the ultimately and appropriations for the benefit of Washington City are expected annually, with as much regularity as the paupers of our almshouse look for their daily rations. So long as the Capitol is kept at this out-of-the-way place, the people may reasonably count upon its maintenance at the public expense. We may see an end of the appropriations for construction, or enlargement, or completion of Governmental buildings, but largesses for the city, like TENNYSON's brook, will go on forever.

Few-York is large enough and rich enough to take care of herself. Whether the Capitol is located there or not, will not materially affect her prosperity or dwarf her proportions. She would be proud of the restoration of the distinction she had when the Government was first organized, as the Capital of the nation, and would pay handsomely for it, while it would be a grateful change to the mass of American people, and especially to those condemned to wear out the years in the service at the seat of Government. New-York alone offers that variety which is the spice of life, and which is wanting in provincial cities like Washington. It is now the local point of news and intelligence, and more may be learned from a single days' issue of her papers of what is going on in the world than can be derived in a month's diligent reading in the stupid journals of Washington. It is the grand exchange of the continent, visited daily by hundreds of representatives of all the States and important cities of the Union. It offers a more important site for the Capitol buildings than Washington, and it is a healthier city, so far as climate is concerned. In fact, it presents all the desirable advantages of a first-rate Capital—commercial, financial and intellectual centrality—commanding artificial and natural position, and a cosmopolitan atmosphere untainted by the sectionalism and provincial prejudice which have hitherto infested Washington and acted like poison upon national legislation. A spirit of larger enterprise would possess men called to legislate in a city like New-York than will ever haunt or trouble them in a provincial town, because there would be the ever-present and suggestive spectacle of the greatness of a nation as represented by the surplus wealth of production poured through the channels of the busiest city like a ceaseless and irresistible flood. Certainly, when the Republic embraces the continent, New-York should be its Capital.

STARTLING DEFALCATION.

A Prominent Warehouse Proprietor Said to Have Absconded with $250,000—Heavy Losses of Mercantile Firms.

Great excitement was caused upon Change, yesterday, by the prevalence of a rumor that Mr. E. H. PECK, of the warehouse firm of PARKER & PECK, doing business in this City and in Brooklyn, was missing, and that he had defrauded to the extent of many thousand dollars. Inquiry being made it was ascertained that Mr. PECK had not been seen at either place of business since Tuesday last, neither could he be found at his residence (in New-Jersey), or elsewhere. Suspicion was heightened by the fact that several dealers, having grain stored in the warehouses, and desiring to deliver the same, had been unable to get it, the orders for the same being dishonored in each instance.

An examination of the warehouses revealed the astounding fact that more than 100,000 bushels of grain, thus stored, and against which there were outstanding receipts, for which the firm is liable, had been surreptitiously removed, and, it is thought, were disposed of for the personal gain of the missing man. The following is a list of the leading sufferers by the defalcation, together with the quantity of grain which they lost:

John W. Mott, corn	Bush. 28,270
Wade & Esty, corn	32,000
Wade & Esty, oats	12,322
United States Warehouse Co., corn	44,010
United States Warehouse Co., oats	36,124
Thomas & Benhar, corn	8,136
Darling, Albertson & Ross, corn	37,000
Darling, Albertson & Ross, rye	7,000
Kent & Co., corn	39,416
Whitlock & Wallace, corn	5,705
Tompkins & Co., corn	7,675
Smith & Devenny, corn	7,168
Smith & Downing, wheat	7,966
L. B. Coleman & Co., corn	7,679
J. Ketchum, corn	5,707

The report that Messrs. J. H. POOLE & Co. lost about 25,000 bushels of grain, is declared to be false by that firm, who were fortunate enough to escape unhurt.

The alleged defaulter was a man of domestic habits, whose associations were of the most honorable character, and it is supposed that he was led into crime by the desire to retrieve certain heavy losses resulting from unwise speculation in oats, some months since. The total loss sustained by dealers is variously estimated at from $150,000 to $250,000, but it is the general impression that the latter figure is nearest the truth.

Mr. CHARLES PARKER, the senior member of the firm, is widely known as a man of irreproachable character, who was not cognizant of the operations of his unworthy partner, until informed by them, who had been victimized. He has been very ill for several months, and, as a consequence, has been confined to his house, without means of knowing the precise condition of the affairs of his business. No one connects him with this dishonorable transaction of Mr. PECK, but, on the contrary, he has had the most cordial presentations of sympathy from his business acquaintances, who deeply regret the severe losses entailed upon him by his unfortunate connection. Up to a late hour, last night, there were no tidings from the missing man.

The Jay Cooke Forgeries.

Mr. WM. F. HOWE, the lawyer, called on Superintendent KENNEDY at Police Headquarters yesterday morning, and requested to be allowed an interview with his client, JAMES SMITH, the man who is under arrest on a charge of complicity in the Jay Cooke & Co. forgeries by which the Bank of the State of New-York was defrauded out of $26,000. Mr. KENNEDY declined to give the necessary order, and a stormy interview ensued between the Superintendent and the counsel. During the afternoon Mr. HOWE procured a writ of habeas corpus from Judge CARDOZO, but as Mr. KENNEDY had gone to Connecticut by the noon train, the lawyer again failed in his purpose. The prisoner SMITH is no longer in the custody of the Police, he having been transferred to the Tombs until an investigation is had in his case. SMITH is incarcerated by virtue of a commitment granted by Judge BEDFORD, of the General Sessions.

RAID UPON VAGRANTS.

Arrest of Eighth Ward Idlers—Discharge of the Accused.

Yesterday morning Detectives GLYNN and CASEY, of the Eighth Precinct, brought to the primary bar of justice, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, a large number of the notorious characters who infest the domains of Captain MILLS. The prisoners, upon being arraigned, gave their names as JOHN FALLON, WILLIAM BUTLER, WILLIAM DONOVAN, CHARLES WILLIAMS, JOHN HAYES, JAMES RENLIEF, JAMES DEVINES, and FRANK DEVINES. A joint affidavit was made against these men by the two detectives alleging that they are all idle persons and have no visible means of support nor any lawful employment; that they loiter about the corners at all hours of the day and night; that they have WITNESSES who can testify to their support, and that these women steal money from men procured to visit them by the prisoners. Finally, that all the prisoners have been frequently arrested for stealing, and are known to the Police authorities as idle persons and vagrants.

The object of this summary proceeding was to sweep these men into the Penitentiary for six months under the Vagrancy act. The prisoners, however, objected and demanded an examination, which Justice DOWLING was forced to accord them. In the afternoon the proceedings were resumed, and Messrs. SPENCER and STEWART opposing for the accused, demanded, as a legal right, a separate examination for each of them. FALLON was the first taken up, and his counsel immediately demanded that proof should be confined solely to the question of visible means of support. It was claimed that the man might be the most well-known thief in the City, but if he could show any means of support the proceedings under the Vagrancy act must fail. Detective CASEY was then cross-examined, and the questions being confined to this point, it presently appeared that FALLON had $25 in his pocket, a gold ring on his finger, and was well dressed. The witness was unable to say whether or not FALLON owned any real estate or had any bank account. The counsel then submitted a motion for the discharge of FALLON, as the evidence was insufficient under the statute, but Justice DODGE refused to grant the motion at once, and directed the examination to proceed.

Mr. PITTMAN then drew an affidavit embodying the terms of the statute against WILLIAM BUTLER that he is an "idle person, who, not having visible means of support to maintain himself, lives without employment." The police officers all declined to support the affidavit, however, and consequently the case against BUTLER was dismissed. An affidavit was then drawn against WILLIAM DONOVAN, but no one would swear to it until the obnoxious clause was stricken out. All the substance being thus eliminated, Detective CASEY made the complaint, and being cross-examined it appeared that DONOVAN was also a marvelously proper man as to his means of support, so far as the witness knew anything of the matter. By this time it was getting late, and the Magistrate announced that the cases of the others would be adjourned until Monday. Thereupon a tempest arose which was stilled only by the compromise of the counsel withdrawing the demand for separate trial, and the Magistrate consenting to proceed. The matter was then quickly disposed of as the officers had no more knowledge of these men than they had of the others, and all the prisoners were discharged. It appeared that all the arrests had been made by order of Captain MILLS, and Justice DODGE remarked that the Captain should certainly have been present to explain why he had issued the order.

POLICE ABUSES.

The Unlawful Detention of Accused Persons by the Police—A Case in Point.

MICHAEL T. COONEY, a respectably-dressed young man, was arraigned before Justice DOWLING yesterday afternoon, to answer a charge of embezzlement preferred by JAMES J. MOONEY, of No. 191 Pearl-street, who alleges that the prisoner had received from him a check on the Mechanics' and Traders' Bank for the sum of $2,500, with instructions to get the same cashed. He was then to deduct the sum of $1,000, and deposit the remaining $1,500 with JAMES M. ADAMS, of No. 191 Pearl-street. The complainant alleges that the accused did obtain the money on the check, but did not deposit it as directed the entire proceeds to his own use. The charge of embezzlement was made because the prisoner was in the complainant's employ, and had no right to the money. The arrest of COONEY was noticed in yesterday's TIMES as occurring on Thursday. When the prisoner was brought before the Magistrate, counsel for the defense stated the fact that his client had been kept in custody forty-eight hours despite the fact that the law required that any person arrested for crime should be forthwith conducted before a Magistrate or Justice of the peace. The Magistrate remarked that he would not be expected to correct the abuses existing in the Police Department, though he knew that many such instances of unlawful detention had recently occurred. The Police had arrested defendant, imprisoned him for forty days for several days, and had gone before another Court to gain the requisite permission for the detention of the prisoner, afraid, perhaps, to bring the accused before him, as he probably knew more about his case than the officer did himself. The detention of prisoners was a grievous outrage upon the rights of citizens, but he was powerless to remedy the evil. He (the Magistrate) had been brought up in the Police Department, and he knew of many similar cases.

The counsel for Mr. COONEY stated that he had a perfect defence to offer, as evidence could be produced to show that his client had a power of attorney for his action. The examination was set down for to-day, the Magistrate refusing, the complainant a longer delay, as the accused had been already wrongfully detained without a hearing.

Mayor's Office.

The Mayor's Marshal during the past week granted licenses as follows: Coaches, 9; expressmen, 26; carts, 73; drivers, 89; vendors, 43; porters, 6; boarding-house, 1; total, 219. Amount received for fines and licenses, $430 50. The sum of $888 was refunded to various parties who had been evicted. The Marshal yesterday heard the following cases: GUSTAVUS MEYER, HENRY ENGELL and GEO. MEYER. The complainants entered the premises of E. FARLEY, No. 97 Chatham-street, and bet on a game of cards, by which GUSTAVUS MEYER lost $20, ENGELL $11, and GEORGE MEYER, $15—total amount lost, $46. The Marshal sent an officer to look after the case, and in a short time he compelled the defendant to give the complainants all the money they had lost.

Second Avenue Railroad Strike.

The strike of the drivers upon the Second Avenue Railroad, which has now lasted nearly a week, remained yesterday without change. Neither they nor the managers are disposed to concede. Public sympathy runs naturally with men who have been working fifteen hours a day, and are required to work an additional number. The Superintendent could obtain no one in the morning to drive a car, it being necessary, to save the charter, to make at least one trip a day. In the afternoon he succeeded in doing so.

A few minutes before midnight Captain WASHBURNE, of the Ninth Precinct, made a descent, with a squad of officers, upon the gambling-house No. 128 West Tenth-street, kept by WM. BRAYS. The proprietor was arrested, with some eighteen other men, while the game of faro was in active progress. All of the prisoners were locked up in the Charles-street Police Station, and a complete cast of gambling implements taken possession of.

That twelve dollars ($12) suit—*nobby* coat *fitted* stylish all through—that BALDWIN, the clothier, is offering, hests the town. Don't put it off—call corner Canal and Broadway, and see it. Ask for the $12 suit!—*Evening Express.*

Waltham Watches.

FULLER & Co., No. 26 John-st., New-York, offer single watches of the celebrated make, in all grades of their celebrated chronometers in solid gold and silver cases only.—*Advertisement.*

MISSISSQUOI SPRINGS WATER.—The only known remedy for cancer, and all diseases of the kidneys. Sold by all druggists. Depot, No. 335 Broadway, New-York.—*Advertisement.*

Hunt & Chandler's

DEVI IMPERIAL (TIN-FOIL)

Of the vintage 1864. For sale with all first-class dealers in wines here. ANTHONY OECHS.

New-York, April 4, 1869.

Hair Dye. Hair Dye. Hair Dye.—The genuine W. A. BATCHELOR'S Hair Dye is the best in the world. The only perfect dye—natural, reliable, instantaneous; free from all bad effects; and properly applied at BATCHELOR'S Wig Factory, No. 16 Bond-st., N. Y.

The New Fuller & Burnham "Finching Tack Marker," and the "Goodrich" for all machines. I. W. BARNUM, No. 335 Broadway, three doors below Bleecker-st., New-York.

To Remove Moth Patches, Freckles and Tan from the face, use PERRY'S MOTH AND FRECKLE LOTION. Prepared only by Dr. B. C. PERRY, No. 6 Bond-st., New-York. Sold by druggists everywhere.

A. Morton, 25 Maiden-lane, New-York.

MORTON'S GOLD PENS.

DIED.

AYRES.—At New-Canaan, Conn., on Friday, April 16, SARAH, wife of Horace L. Ayres, in the 64th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Monday, April 19, at 3 o'clock. Carriages will be in waiting at New-Canaan Depot on arrival of 12th train from New-York; return train at 5 o'clock.

DOTY.—On Saturday, April 17, Captain GERSHOM W. DOTY, U. S. Navy.

Funeral at Flushing on Monday.

DURING.—On Saturday, April 17, EMILIE CECILIE, only daughter of Charles A. and Pamela During, aged 8 years and 4 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further notice, from her late residence, 1 Washington-square, on Monday, at 1 o'clock.

GILES.—On Saturday morning, April 17, ANNA JANE, wife of William H. Giles, and daughter of the late Thomas Hoyne, Esq.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral from the Church of the Annunciation, on 14th-st., between 6th and 7th ave., on Monday, April 19, at 1 P. M.

KLAUENBERG.—On Friday, April 16, 1869, WILLIAM, only child of the late Wm. Klauenberg.

Funeral will take place on Sunday, April 18, at 1 o'clock, P. M., from 165 N. Front-st., Brooklyn.

MOULTON.—On Thursday, April 15, 1869, HANNAH M., wife of Daniel T. Moulton, Esq., of Morrisania, N. Y., in the 54th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, on Fordham-av., between 1st and

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—April 17, 1869.

$14,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65 ... 109
$1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '66 ... 112
$2,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67 ... 112
$2,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68 ... 110
$12,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68, new ... 115
$2,000 do. ... 115
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CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—A VERY FINE PROPERTY, THE residence and grounds of George Ripley, Esq., No. 10 Pitt-st., near 4th-av. Boulevard, beautiful brick mansion, containing 12 rooms and all the modern improvements, together with three adjoining full lots of ground, on which are all kinds of fruit in fine bearing condition; premises in excellent order, and good and healthy neighborhood, and where values have not yet greatly risen; whole property will be sold, or a part, at a price and on terms inviting as any one desiring a very pleasant home can ever hope to make an investment. Particulars given by E. F. PLETCHER, No. 189 Remsen-st., Brooklyn, or will be on the premises from 10 to 12 o'clock to-morrow (Monday) morning.

BARGAINS.—THREE SPLENDID NEW 3-story brick houses on 119th-st., between 1st-av. and Avenue A, with every improvement; also large brick houses on 117th-st., east of Avenue A; large part on mortgage; worthy the attention of buyers. Apply on the premises, or to S. A. SPERRY, No. 111 Broad-st.

FOR SALE—ONE THREE AND ONE FOUR-story first-class brownstone houses, between 5th and 7th ave.; doors, parlor trimming and entire block walnut; finest furniture, &c.; complete. Apply on the premises of WAITE & BENJAMIN.

FIFTH-AV., ABOVE 50TH-ST., FINE unobstructed view; three fronts; clear; plain and single lots, embracing several corners, 60ft. to 100ft. and 50th sts., and street lots near 5th-av. Apply to W. F. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

FOR SALE—THE THREE-STORY AND AT. F'ic brick house No. 18 West Washington-place, near Washington-square. Inquire on the premises.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS BROWN-stone front house, in good order, well tenanted and cellar, No. 13 West 46th-st. Inquire on the premises.

FOR SALE LOW—FOUR-STORY BROWN-stone house in Seventh Ward, or will exchange for short date mortgages. Apply to owner, No. 16 Wall-st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

POSITIVE EXECUTORS' SALE.
ELEGANT RESIDENCE AND SIX LOTS,
NO. 123 DEAN-ST., BROOKLYN,
To close the estate of
MRS. JAMES SULLIVAN, deceased.
Dwelling brown stone, 22x62, with all the modern improvements, built
IN THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL MANNER.
Formerly the residence of A. D. POLHEMUS, Esq.
The house is finished in the best style, with solid rosewood doors on the parlor floors. Bath, range, water-closets, &c., &c. No expense has been spared to make the residence first-class in every particular. The grounds have a front of 75 feet on DEAN-ST., and 75 feet on PACIFIC-ST., making six full lots. The stable is two-story brick, 32x40 feet, well furnished with rooms for coachman, &c. This is one of the finest residences in this section of the city. Sale positive, by order of Edward Harvey and Cornelius Dover, executors for the estate. 50 per cent. may remain on bond and mortgage.
Maps and full particulars may be obtained of MCGUIRE, HALL & CULLEN, Attorneys, or of the auctioneers, No. 151 Montague-st., Brooklyn, and No. 64 Cedar-st., New-York.

FOR SALE AT AUCTION, ON TUESDAY next, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, New-York, by WILLIAM A. WHITE & SONS,
Positive auctioneers' sale of No. 123 Dean-st.; 6 lots and stable.
Elegant Clinton-av. residence, 6 lots and stable, between Fulton and Atlantic-sts.
FULTON-AV. STORES—Four stores, brown-stone, near Albany-av.
NO. 6 FOURTH-PLACE—Three-story and basement brick house; all improvements.
NO. 8 CARROLL-PLACE, near Carroll Park—Elegant three-story and basement brick house, with all improvements.
CLINTON-AV. AND HAMILTON-ST.—Four lots, two on each street, 125 feet south of Park-av.
NO. 170 DUFFIELD-ST.—Two-story attic and basement frame dwelling.
NO. 136 LAFAYETTE-AV.—Three-story and sub-cellar brick; all improvements.
SACKETT-ST.—Three lots, 25x125 feet north side, 140 feet west of 5th-av.
5TH-AV.—South side, 175 feet west of Tompkins-av., three-story frame and two lots, all in perfect order.
No. 276 CARLTON-AV.—Three-story and basement brick; positive sacrifice; must be sold.
For full description see auction column.
Maps, &c., may be obtained of the auctioneers, No. 151 Montague-st., Brooklyn, and No. 64 Cedar-st., New-York.

FOR SALE.—BROOKLYN HEIGHTS—NO. 125 Columbia-st., between Pierrepont and Clark; house full size, three-story and basement, with extension and L; all modern improvements; can be seen from 3 to 5 P. M. Apply on the premises, or at business or dwelling. Inquire of C. A. SILVER, No. 122 Jerolemon-st., or A. O. READ, No. 43 Liberty-st., New-York.

FOR SALE—IN BROOKLYN, THE THREE-story finished stable and basement brown-front house, in the best place, No. 20 Pierrepont-st., in perfect order; location unexceptionable; parlor and hall carpets, with four large mirrors, if desired. Inquire on premises.

FOR SALE—ON CLINTON-AV., BROOKLYN, a beautiful three-story and extension brick house, containing all improvements; will be sold cheap. Apply to GLASS & LINDSEY, Pulton-av., corner of Oxford-st., Brooklyn.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS THREE-STORY and high-stoop brick house, on Pacific-st., Brooklyn; all improvements; immediate possession; price $4,000. BUCKLE & DAVY, Nos. 161 and 163 Beekman-st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT, ON STATEN ISLAND—A large brick house, Italian style with ten acres of land; hot and cold water through the house, with gas and all modern improvements; green-house and stables. The grounds are laid out with shrubbery, forest trees, and abound with the choicest fruits. These premises are among the finest on the Island, commanding a beautiful view of the Bay, Hudson and East Rivers, and situated at Clifton, about five minutes' walk from the ferry. Inquire of C. RAINBRIDGE SMITH, No. 115 Broadway.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—TWO NEW splendid French roof houses, containing thirteen rooms each, with all City modern improvements; lot 25x100, handsomely laid out in front yards, with shrubbery and fruit trees; healthy; twenty two minutes' walk to new depot, and twenty minutes' ride on railroad to the City.
Also, one cottage, containing seven rooms; grounds tastefully laid out and beautifully adapted for a small family; three minutes' walk to depot. Inquire of the owner at English Neighborhood, N. J., or at his office, No. 17 Vesey-st., New-York. E. N. MARSH.

FOR SALE—A COUNTRY SEAT ON THE Hudson River, New-Hamburg, Dutchess County; very beautifully situated, having river front of about 2,000 feet, commanding a view of the Highlands; a dwelling-house, 32x36 feet, completely furnished and in thorough order; farmer's house, coach-house, with stabling for six horses. The place has on it a splendid building for the keeper of the place, and fine grounds and locust trees. Sixty per cent. may remain on mortgage. Apply at the Washington Insurance Company, No. 172 Broadway.

THE UNDERSIGNED (ABOUT LEAVING) will sell or exchange his Westchester property, his fine, healthy country place, 1½ miles from Spring Valley Depot, 20 from City; seventeen acres highly cultivated; house nearly new, 12 rooms; parlors 14 feet, sliding-doors; hall, kitchen, hard with water in basement; stable, carriage-house and granary; all kinds fruit; farming utensils; two horses, three cows, carriage, harness, everything complete for occupation. Price $15,000.
F. JAY BEAN, No. 13 John-st.

AT NEWARK—THREE NEW COTTAGES, forty minutes from City, on Clinton-av.; high ground, splendid view; one acre land, every variety of fruit and shrubbery; French slate roof, twelve rooms, every modern convenience; surroundings first-class; city care passes property. All at reduced prices if sold in few days. Apply to PESHINE, No. 30 Barclay-st., New-York, or at No. 672 Broad-st., Newark.

FOR SALE OR TO LET IN TREMONT, Westchester County, the plot of ground with a three-story double house, stable, &c., &c., adjoining the residence of Rutherford, or Morris H. Dyer; house is well built and in good order, has gas, bath, water-closets, furnace, range, &c., &c.; the grounds are tastefully laid out with evergreens and fruit trees; rent reduced to $400 per annum. Apply to HIRAM BROTHERS, No. 40 Leonard-st., New-York.

FOR SALE—AT NEW-PROVIDENCE STATION, 24 miles from New-York by Morris and Essex Railroad, country seats, new houses, lots, farms and build the sites in vicinity of depot, in a beautiful and healthy part of New-Jersey. Apply to WM. B. CROSBY, No. 18 Pine-st., New-York, or, to WALTER F. JONES, New-Providence Station, N. J.

COUNTRY PROPERTY FOR SALE—Country seat, farms, &c., located at Oyster Bay, Huntington and Woodbury, L. I.; also at Port Chester, North Haven and Tribes Hill, N. Y.; prices from $2,000 to $40,000. Also, country residences to rent. Apply to WM. & E. H. CRUIKSHANK, No. 10 Broadway, Country property department.

PARTIES DESIROUS OF PURCHASING a country residence on the line of the Morris and Essex Railroad, will find it to their advantage to address MILLER & BURTNIS, Real Estate Agents, Madison, N. J., who have for sale a desirable farm property, choice country seats, and eligible building sites.

FOR SALE—IN ONE OF THE FINEST LOCALITIES in Hillsdale, N. J., a house containing nine rooms, marble mantels, gas, hot and cold water, bath-room, &c.; lot 125x250; on the premises are a fine grove, and a good kitchen garden; rent $600; within walk from depot; price $9,000; part cash. For particulars address R., Box No. 116 Times Office.

FOR SALE—A COMMODIOUS RESIDENCE in West Hoboken, N. J., 40 minutes by horse cars and ferry; lot 50x150; large garden, with choice fruit, &c., &c.; references exchanged. Address Box No. 72 Cornwall, N. Y.

TO LET OR LEASE—ON LONG ISLAND—1¾ miles from the Williamsburg Ferry, new house, with four acres of land; rent $400. Apply to EDWARD GODFREY & SONS, No. 39 Sprucest., New-York.

TO RENT—TO A SMALL, RESPONSIBLE family, a new first-class three-story high-stoop brown-stone house, No. 6 Mitchell-place, (East 40th-st.), with all the modern improvements; from 6 to 6 o'clock of N. L. DEMAREST, No. 120 West 29th-st.

TO LET—IN WEST 34TH-ST., A FIRST-class three-story high-stoop house, all modern improvements; 12 rooms; rent $1,800. Apply to CHARLOTTE G. SMITH, No. 1,162 Broadway.

ORANGE, N. J.—A DESIRABLE PLACE, 20 minutes from City, fine grounds, plenty of fruit, depot, to rent for the Summer or year. Apply to ROWLAND JOHNSON, No. 54 Beaver-st., N. Y.

TO LET—AT MORRISANIA—THREE-story house, half minute walk from depot; rent $600; 2½-story cottage, one minute from depot; $400 per year. W. H. H. RAYNOR, No. 4 Rose-st.

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SUBURBAN HOMES.

1869.

Before selecting a home in the country, get a copy of the DESCRIPTIVE GUIDE OF THE ERIE RAILWAY, which can be procured, free of charge, at the office of the GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT, ROOM 12, ERIE BUILDING, FOOT OF DUANE-ST., and learn the advantages offered upon the line of this road. FREQUENT TRAINS, LOWEST RATES OF COMMUTATION, BEAUTIFUL LOCATIONS, CHEAP LANDS, FERTILE SOIL, and all the desirable features of country homes.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES one hour from N. Y., or for sale low. Also, country seats and houses to let for the season, or year, by BLACK, WEBB & SMITH, 52 Broadway, N. Y., 9 to 11 A. M., Orange, corner Main and Cone sts., 1 to 5 P. M.

LONG POINT—TEN ACRES, LOCATED AT Long Point, on the south side of the Long Island Sound. Price, private; water from water company. Terms to suit purchaser. C. LELAND, Metropolitan Hotel.

VERY DESIRABLE PLACE AT ALPOCHIN FERRY, commanding fine views of the Hudson; for sale or to let; two acres in garden and lawn; white fig, shade and fruit trees; house, fourteen rooms; stable for four horses. Apply at No. 104 Duane-st.

FOR SALE—ECHO POINT, TEN ACRES, (located at New-Rochelle) most charming place on Long Island Sound; water front worth the money; terms to suit purchaser. C. LELAND, Metropolitan Hotel.

FOR SALE—SOUTH ORANGE, N. J.—ONE hour from New-York, a fine residence, 37x50, extension 12x24, carriage-house, and 3½ acres of land; magnificent extensive views; to be sold cheap. I. FREEMAN, No. 16 Court-st., Brooklyn.

FOR SALE.—A FINE COUNTRY SEAT OF seven acres, two miles from Plainfield, one mile from Newmarket; terms to suit. Address A. CHOSSON, Plainfield.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

A BROWN-STONE ENGLISH BASEMENT house, handsomely furnished, with every convenience, to let to a small private family for 12 months; rent $125 per month. Apply on the premises, No. 207 West 14th-st.

TO LET—A FURNISHED COTTAGE HOUSE at Westport, Conn. The premises are to place as a summer resort; hot and cold water conveyed to all parts of the house; hot and cold water closets on each floor; gas, furniture and other outbuildings, with the usual kitchen garden in the vicinity. Westport is proverbially healthy, and free from fever and ague or malaria; it is reached in two hours via the New-Haven Railroad. It will be let for the use of his family for the Summer season, or a portion of the utensils and grounds immediately, and of the house the second week in May. Inquire of Mr. GEORGE W. PHILLIPS, Third National Bank, from 11 A. M. to 3 P. M.

TO LET ON THE BOULEVARD—Washington Heights; a beautiful new Gothic house, completely and newly furnished for the owner's use; 12 rooms; gas and substantial, with large lawns, gardens, &c.; beautiful shade trees; house faces the finest pieces on the river. Apply to the owner, D. M. ARMSTRONG, No. 11 Pine-st.

TO LET—TO A SMALL, RESPECTABLE family, part of house No. 2 East Baltic-st., a few doors from Court-st., Brooklyn, and within ten or fifteen minutes' walk of the principal ferries; gas, hot and cold water and bath in house; Greenwood and Coney Island cars pass at either end of block; rent moderate. Apply on the premises.

TO LET—IN EAST 60D-ST., BETWEEN 3D and 4th ave., the best neighborhood in Yorkville, a frame cottage, containing 11 rooms, with water, gas, bath, water-closet, range and boiler, stationary tubs, heater, dumb-waiter, &c.; will be rented cheap to a good tenant. Apply to S. THOMSON & SON, No. 128 Broadway, next 23d-st.

TO LET.—THREE-STORY AND BASEMENT house, No. 464 West 30th-st.; three-story and basement, No. 229 East 84th-st.; three-story and basement on Boulevard, 111th-st., and 141st-st.; two-story and basement on 1st-av., between 86th and 87th sts.; all improved and in good location. Apply to GEO. W. FANNING, No. 32 Bleecker-st.

TO LET—IN A PRIVATE FAMILY, TO A gentleman and wife, with one or two children, a second floor, partly furnished if required, containing five rooms and bath; gas and hot and cold water; rent per month, $75; $50 if required; gas included; references required. Inquire on the premises, No. 77 East 65th-st., near 4th-av.

FURNISHED COUNTRY RESIDENCE TO LET—In Norwalk, Conn., beautifully situated, overlooking the town and Long Island Sound; one of the most desirable residences in New-England; plenty of ground; terms reasonable. Address Box No. 271 Post Office, Norwalk, Conn.

TO LET—MAGNIFICENT HOUSE, FOURTH-story, high-stoop, a few doors west of 6th-av.; No. 49 Jane-st., near Gansevoort-market; 27x45; and 3 stories and basement; 20 rooms; newly painted and papered, and thoroughly cleaned. Apply on premises.

TO LET—ON SOUTH SIDE 86TH-ST., SECOND brick house east of Avenue A, with nine rooms and under-cellar; gas and fixtures, hot and cold water, marble mantels, &c.; occupied by rent from 20th inst. Inquire of BIDWELL, No. 254 Pearl-st.

TO LET—AT MONTCLAIR, N. J., FOR THE season or longer time, a pleasantly situated cottage-house, convenient to depot; handsomely furnished; piano, &c. Apply to W. H. HARRIS & CO., Morning Journal.

TO LET—FOUR-STORY BROWN-STONE front house, in Bedford, Brooklyn; house in first order, painted white throughout, on Murray Hill near Park-av., to a private family, at $1,200. Apply to owner, No. 7 Cedar-st., Room No. 14.

TO BOARDERS AT HOTELS.—TO LET—A small furnished three-story high-stoop brown-stone house in Brooklyn, to a small family only, at a low price till Oct. 1. Inquire in the Telegraph Office, No. 12 Wall-st.

AT COENWALL, N. Y.—TO LET, FROM May 1 to six months, a large furnished house to a family of three or four; rent, $100. Apply to EDWARD GODFREY & SONS, No. 39 Sprucest., New-York.

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THE CITY HOTEL.

Providence, R. I., to lease for a term of years. This is the leading hotel in the best possible location, on Broad-st., and in the center of business; it contains 225 rooms, including parlors, drawing-rooms, billiard-rooms, office, &c.; a grand opening for a hotel keeper, as it will command all first-class travel and permanent boarders; a fine chance to make money, as there is not, and will not be for a number of years, any other first-class hotel in this city.
Address WILLIAM BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.

TO LET—IN THE TIMES BUILDING, NO. 15 Park-row, a small office on the third story, and a larger one on the fourth story.
Inquire of JOHN IRELAND, Cashier Times Office.

MORITZ DENKELSPIEL,
Elegant rooms to let for any desired business, STUDIOS, PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS' OFFICES.
A spacious basement and sub-cellar, cheap.
No. 772 Broadway, Opposite Astor-place.

BOWERY PROPERTY, NEAR GRAND—To be let; will be altered to suit the requirements of tenants; the best stand for carpet or furniture trade in the Bowery; it has been occupied for the above business fifteen years; premises large, building covering city rent reasonable. Apply to owner, J. R. COTTE, No. 128 Bowery.

A FACTORY TO LET—BUILDINGS NOS. 42, 44, 46 and 48 Cannon-st., with shafting and steam power engine; will let buildings together or separately, or rooms with steam power. Apply in office on the premises.

TO LEASE—FOR A TERM OF YEARS, REFINERY or warehouse, the new six-story buildings, Nos. 206 to 212 Canal-st., commencing. Inquire of JOHN R. GRAHAM, No. 176 Centre-st.

STORE, NO. 600 BROADWAY, TO LET—Very low; recently fitted up; most convenient stand for clothing, fancy goods, &c.; fixtures for sale cheap. BENNETT & CO.

LOFTS TO LET—WITH OR WITHOUT steam power, in the new five-story building, Nos. 25 and 27 Wooster-st.; will be ready for occupancy 1st of May. Apply to P. & W. SMALL, No. 92 Hester-st.

TO LET—TWO FRONT OFFICES ON THE third floor of the house, No. 1 Park Chambers-st. Apply on the premises, or to W. A. CONKLIN, No. 12 Park-row.

PHYSICIANS OFFICE—IN EAST 30TH-st., to let with or without board. Address LENOX, Box No. 165 Times Office.

STEAM POWER TO LET—THREE floors, sixty feet, in 21st-st., between 10th and 11th ave.

STORE TO LET—THE FIVE-STORY FIRE-proof store, No. 51 Cortlandt-st. Apply to J. SCHIMMERHORN, No. 64 Broadway, Room No. 32.

BROADWAY PROPERTY TO LET—Stores and lofts, Nos. 20 and 22 Broadway. Inquire of H. BLUNT, No. 64 Broadway.

STEAM POWER TO LET—WITH WELL-lighted rooms and basements, suit. Apply to NORRIS & MILLER, No. 30 East 42d-st.

OFFICES TO LET—IN THE BIBLE HOUSE, Astor-place; three offices on third floor. Apply at Treasurer's office, 5th-st.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

MOSES WILKINS, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY IN CENTRAL MORRISANIA, MOUNT VERNON, MOUNT VERNON, CENTRAL MOUNT VERNON, AND WASHINGTONVILLE, WEST-CHESTER COUNTY, N. Y.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, April 20, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building, New-York:

CENTRAL MORRISANIA.

WASHINGTON-AV.—Plot 50x125 feet, east side, 250 feet south of 169th-st.

MOUNT VERNON.

9TH-AV.—Southwest corner 52d-st., plot 100x200 feet.

WEST MOUNT VERNON.

RAILROAD-AV.—Plot 77x164.4, east side, 181.2 feet south of North-st.

CENTRAL MOUNT VERNON.

BRIDGE-ST.—Plot 50x100 feet, south side, 50 feet west of 5th-av.

BRIDGE-ST.—Plot 50x100 feet, north side, 50 feet west of 10th-av.

WASHINGTONVILLE.

WINCHESTER-AV.—Southeast corner Catharine-st., 3 lots.

WHITE PLAINS ROAD—11 lots near Becker-av.

FULTON-ST.—3 lots near Becker-av.

CATHARINE-ST.—3 lots near Becker-av.

MARIAN-ST.—4 lots near Westchester-av.

RAILROAD-PLACE—lots near Westchester-av.

BRONX RIVER-PLACE—34 lots near Becker-av., through to Bronx River, desirable for manufacturing purposes.

MOSES WILKINS, Auctioneer.

ACTUAL SALE—AT AMBOYNE RESIDENCE AND VILLA SITES IN GLENELLYN PARK, ORANGE, NEW-JERSEY, AT AUCTION.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, May 4, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building, New-York, if not previously disposed of at private sale.

GLENELLYN PARK—Two handsome residences, with stables and other conveniences complete, on and near Glenelyn-place, six eligible building sites, commanding fine and extended views, in private sale purchasers; sale will be peremptory, to the highest bidder, without reserve.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. on day of sale; sixty per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage; balance on 4th day of June, when deed will be delivered and possession given.

For full particulars, maps and plans, apply to auctioneers' office, No. 9 Pine-st., New-York.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

IMPORTANT SALE OF REAL ESTATE—189 CHOICE BUILDING LOTS.
Also, the house, barn and about
FOUR ACRES OF LAND,
on Clinton-av., adjoining the residence of E. P. Barker, Esq.,
AT PLAINFIELD, N. J.
A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO.,
of New-York, and
HARRIOTT, VAIL & CO.,
of Plainfield, N. J., Auctioneers,
will sell at auction on TUESDAY, April 20, at 1 P. M., on the premises.

The well-known property at Plainfield, Union County, N. J., comprising about 189 village sites and building plots of beautiful land in the finest part of Plainfield, situate on the 4th and 5th ave., and on Clinton and Leavitt-aves.

ALSO, the house, barn and about 4 acres adjoining the residence of E. P. Barker, Esq. Each plot is divided into 4 lots, 25x150 each, and will be sold in quantities to suit purchasers. All lots are served with blown-in wells and spring water. All lots are served with blown-in wells and spring water. All this valuable residential property is too well known to require a long description, being on high, dry and healthy ground, and within 5 minutes' walk of the depot, and especially fitted for fruit and garden vegetables. The surrounding are owned by such parties as will insure the improvement of some of the first-class residences. For particulars and free passes, apply to HARRIOTT, VAIL & CO., Plainfield, N. J., or to the auctioneers, No. 77 Cedar-st., N. Y.

N. B.—Special train, foot of Liberty-st., on day of sale, at 12 o'clock M.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND FURNITURE FOR SALE.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, April 22, at 12 M., at the Exchange Salesroom,

WEST 37TH-ST.—Four-story high-stoop brown-stone house and lot, No. 104 West 37th-st. (old No. 72), south side, 25x98.4 feet, to a rear line, 24x100 feet; house 20x50, with first-story extension, in good order, and contains all the modern improvements. The furniture, consisting of the usual assortment, will be sold with the house. Can be seen daily, from 2 to 5 P. M. Possession 1st of May. Maps at 77 Cedar-st.

D. M. SHAMAN, Auctioneer.

BY ORDER OF HEIRS.—VALUABLE PROPERTY ON GRAND-ST.

D. M. SHAMAN will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, April 21, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

(By order of the heirs of Frederick Whipple, deceased.)

The valuable three-story brick house, with store, on lot No. 305 Grand-st., north side, between Goerck and Mangin sts.; lot, 20x75; house, 25 feet wide, covering entire lot on first story by about 40 feet above.

Maps, &c., at No. 14 Pine-st.

ISAIAH WHIPPS,
ANNA WHIPPS.

FOR SALE—AT AUCTION, TO CLOSE THE estate of Orrin Cowl, deceased, No. 238 Carlton-av., Brooklyn, a three-story brick house, between Lafayette and Willoughby-sts.; lot 20x100 feet. Will be sold on TUESDAY next at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, New-York, by WYCKOFF & LITTLE, Auctioneers. Title positive, by order of Wm. Cowl and J. C. Dodd, Executors.

AUCTION NOTICE.—THE "KINGSFORD Place," on Staten Island, advertised to be sold at auction by us on Tuesday, 20th inst., is hereby withdrawn, the property having been sold at private sale this day. PHILIPS, FALLON & CO.
APRIL 16, 1869. No. 5½ Pine-st.

AUCTION SALES.

MOSES WILKINS, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE.—VALUABLE STOCK OF FARMING IMPLEMENTS, TRUCKS, WAGONS, LUMBER, LUMBER CONTRACTORS' TOOLS, &c.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on MONDAY, April 19, at 11 o'clock, at the residence of Wyckoff Lott, Esq., Bergen-road, Bergen, near Morris-st., about half a mile from the Harlem Railroad Depot at Tremont:

HORSES, &c.—15 valuable horses, suitable for carriage, road and work horses, 3 mules, 3 cows, 1 heifer, 1 bull.

WAGONS, &c.—1 buggy, 1 milky, 1 depot wagon, 1 rockaway, sleighs, harness, &c.

FARMING UTENSILS.—All kinds, moving machines, mowing-cutters, horse-rakes, plows, cultivators, &c.

Large truck, spring wagon, lumber wagon, carts, carpenter's tools, &c., &c.

LUMBER.—Oak, ash, hickory and chestnut planks, cedar and chestnut posts, &c.

A large assortment of household furniture, &c.

Descriptive catalogues can be had at the residence of Mr. Poole, South Fordham, at the auctioneers' office, No. 9 Pine-st., New-York, or at the railroad depot, Tremont.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER—AUCTION SALES OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE:

TUESDAY, April 20, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 207 East 41st-st.

TUESDAY, April 20, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 180 Second-place, Brooklyn.

WEDNESDAY, April 21, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 22 West 19th-st.

THURSDAY, April 22, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 148 West 21st-st.

THURSDAY, April 22, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 124 West 31st-st.

FRIDAY, April 23, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 146 West 43d-st.

FRIDAY, April 23, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 181 West 43d-st.

FRIDAY, April 23, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 165 West 43d-st.

Full particulars of the above sales will be given in due time.

BIBLIOTHECA AMERICANA.

Messrs. LEAVITT, STREETER & CO., Clinton Hall, Astor-place, New-York, announce that the sale of

MR. W. ELLIOTT WOODWARD'S LIBRARY will commence on MONDAY, April 19, at 4 o'clock p. m., and be continued daily, at the same hour, until all is sold.

The Catalogue of this Library is an octavo volume of 464 pages, and describes over 6,000 lots of books, engravings, autographs and manuscripts; among the rarest contents are Indian narratives, genealogies, collection sermons, upward of 300 works relating to Washington, and a remarkably fine, large, and unique collection of books by the Mather family, a Hebrew manuscript, the Pentateuch, written in the ninth century, and a Latin manuscript of the 13th century.

The collection is rich in a most exclusive array of American books, and is of the most extraordinary character, comprising, in great part, books which are seldom offered for sale. Catalogues, price $1, now ready.

A. JOURDAN, Auctioneer—Office No. 1 Pine-st.

AUCTION SALE OF HANDSOME household furniture, rosewood piano-forte, velvet and Brussels carpeting, &c., &c., owner going to Europe, on THURSDAY, April 22, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., at the private residence, No. 42 West 35th-st. Rosewood parlor suite in crimson satin brocatelle, rosewood marble-top etagere, centre tables, black walnut suite in gray rep, rosewood library bookcase, alabaster and gilt mantel clock, superb flower vase and stand, elegant lace curtains, velvet carpeting, black walnut and gilt marble-top dining furniture and sideboard, rosewood marble-top dressing bureaus and bedsteads, parlor curled hair mattresses, mantel ornaments, Brussels carpeting, elegant marble-top oak buffet, handsome mahogany extension table, silver-plated ware, china, glassware, cutlery, utensils, blankets, sewing-machine, kitchen utensils, &c.

Catalogues at the auctioneer's office, and on the premises.

E. A. LAWRENCE, Auctioneer.

ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20, AT 10 o'clock A. M., at the private residence, No. 146 West 45th-st.

E. A. LAWRENCE & OAKLEY will sell beautiful rosewood and black walnut parlor and bedroom furniture; also splendid piano-forte, English Brussels carpets, French plate mirrors and gilt glassware, Sevres and China decorated dinner, Bohemian ware, fine table cutlery, silver plated ware; also damask window curtains, black walnut cornices, &c., &c.

Catalogues at auctioneer's office, No. 11 Pine-st.

J. P. TRAVER, Auctioneer.

BY TRAVER & ESELIER, OFFICE NO. 88 LIBERTY-ST.—Auction sale of Manhattan Metallurgical and Chemical Works, Nos. 353 and 355 West 35th-st., on MONDAY, April 19, at 11 o'clock. Machinery, furnaces, assaying apparatus, fixtures, office furniture; also, the lease or premises. These works are in complete order to commence work on cover.

E. A. LAWRENCE, Auctioneer.

BY LAWRENCE, OAKLEY & PERRIT, THIS FRIDAY, 23d, at Jerome-st. Office, 24 miles from Jerome Park Station, Fordham, Jackson-av., overlooking and with magnificent views of Harlem Bay, Long Island Sound and surrounding country, the beautiful residence and extensive training stables of General J. Jackson.

H. D. BINER & BARKER, AUCTIONEERS, Nos. 1 and 2 Cortlandt-st., respectfully announce to those intending to remove the present season that they are prepared to give their attention to sales at private residences, and to the disposition of furniture which has characterized their business for many years past. Weekly sales of furniture also at their spacious salesrooms, Nos. 1 Cortlandt-st., for those desiring to avail themselves of it.

THOMAS E. VAN NEST, Auctioneer.

WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, ON TUESDAY, April 20, at 10 o'clock A. M., the entire stock of liquors, cigars, billiard tables and fixtures, of the well-known billiard and sample room, No. 194 Broadway.

AUCTION SALES.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER—IMPORTANT SALE OF VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS AND WATER COLORS, COMPRISING THE FINEST COLLECTION OF THE PROPERTY OF WELL-KNOWN CORNISH GENTLEMEN NOW ABROAD; ALSO THE BETTER COLLECTION OF OUR FAVORITE ARTIST, MR. KAULBACH, PREVIOUS TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE, to be sold without reserve at the "LEEDS' ART GALLERIES," NOS. 817 AND 819 BROADWAY.

On the evenings of TUESDAY, 20th, and WEDNESDAY, 21st April, at 7½ o'clock, each evening. In this sale will be found the works of many celebrated British, American and European artists, viz.:

C. Hunzd.	Willems.		Huntington.
Miller.	Carolus.		Mast. Johnson.
De Brackeleer.	Boser.		S. Coleman.
Dubufe.	Salmon.		Cropsey.
Diverger.	Deshayes.		Shattuck.
Meyerheim.	Muhle.		Scontas.
Hildebrandt.	W. Shayer, Sr.		G. H. Hall.
Unger.	Ward.		T. Hicks.
Brabant.	C. R. Leslie.		Hinckley.
La Rubertin.	C. Stanfield.		E. May.
Dalsheim.	Boddington.		Hamilton.
Dubufe.	Cooper.		Doyle.
Chenevard.	Lockwood.		Chapin.
Dillens.	Jacobson.		Gaul.
Neterman.	Diddesert.		R. D. Lewis.
Verschuur.	Stone.		Geo. Inness.
Verlat.	Hook.		Jos. Williams.
H. Von Schen.	Vertin.		J. G. R. Inman.
H. Savery.	Roberts.		S. J. Guy.
Jutsum.	Stanley.		Hoskins.
L. Smith.	Cooper.		Blakelock.
H. Schaep.	F. R. Meyer.		Howland.

and many other favorite artists, to include a collection of the paintings sold by order of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, just received from Washington.

All of which will be positively sold without reserve, and will be READY FOR EXHIBITION, FREE, as above, on and from THURSDAY, APRIL 18, DAY AND EVENING, until sale.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer—Salesroom, No. 8 Cortlandt-st. Art Gallery, No. 863 Broadway.

IMPORTANT SALE OF HIGH-CLASS MODERN OIL PAINTINGS, COMPRISING THE ENTIRE COLLECTION OF GOUPIL & CO., M. KNOEDLER, Esq., SUCCESSOR.

MESSRS. BAKER will sell at auction on THURSDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, April 22 and 23, at 7½ o'clock, at their Art Gallery, No. 863 Broadway, the entire collection of modern paintings, consigned to M. Knoedler, by Messrs. Goupil & Cie., of Paris, and other foreign houses, and which, in consequence of removal from his old stand in Broadway to 5th-av. and 42d-st., Mr. Knoedler has received instructions to close out, without reserve. Among others the following highly-esteemed artists of the American, French, Flemish and Dusseldorf schools are represented, viz.:

Meyer.	Morel.	J. Achenbach.
James Hart.	E. Frere.	A. Siegert.
Cadieux.	Doucette.	Prof. Hulmer.
William Hart.	Plassan.	Verboeckhoven.
Gignoux.	Bernier.	Ounto-Celix.
Edmonds.	De Jonghe.	Fichel.
Ehninger.	Hamman.	Lobrichon.
Stone.	Le Jeune.	Moulinet.
Nelson.	Antony.	Amberg.
Parker.	Boeny.	Redfield.
C. Heyden.	Paul Weber.	and others.

including also probably the most important work ever received in this country, by Vernet le Comte of Paris, entitled the

PRINCESS OF MOROCCO.

The above will be open for exhibition on MONDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, free, and remain day and evening till evening of sale.

ROBERT SOMERVILLE, Auctioneer—Salesroom, No. 37 Nassau-st. Art Gallery, No. 52 5th-av.

ROBERT SOMERVILLE, AUCTIONEER, will sell, on TUESDAY, April 20, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 476 West 54th-st., between 9th and 10th ave., all the elegant household furniture, consisting in part of Brussels carpets, r

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Building and Loan Association—Agricultural Convention—The Negro Postmaster—Grade of Politicians—Improved Public Sentiment—New Hotel—New Newspaper—Sobriety.

[Per Our Own Correspondent.]

COLUMBIA, Monday, April 12, 1869.

The recent establishment of a Building and Loan Association—the first ever formed in Columbia—and that close upon the heels of the first savings bank, established a few weeks ago; and that following close after the opening of a national bank, the first bank in the city since the war; these things indicate the active operation of the new *régime*. And although all these things are hailed as first-rate in their way, the most practical among us believe that the erection of three cotton factories upon the Columbia Canal, which Senator SPRAGUE purchased a few months ago, or on the Congaree River, hard by, would do four times as much good. It is now rumored that Senator SPRAGUE will commence operations in building his immense cotton factory about the end of the coming Summer.

AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION.

All parts of this State are now fully aroused upon the matter of an Agricultural Convention, to be held on the 28th inst. in this city. Delegates have already been chosen in all the seaboard counties and in several of the up-country counties. Railroads are offering to transport delegates for reduced fare, and the hotels are offering board at half price in the furtherance of the project, so that there is very little doubt that it will be a fully successful affair. This is the first organized movement in agriculture since the war. Before the war there was for many years a State Agricultural Society, which held an Annual Fair, awarding premiums and encouraging production in the usual ways. But since 1860 nothing in this way has been done until now. The present movement is to organize a State Agricultural Society, with the prospect of a grand Fair next Fall or the one following. The Fair buildings were burned with the city by General SHERMAN'S troops in 1865; so that the movement now starting has to do so *de novo*, without even a hill to exhibit on.

THE COLORED POSTMASTER.

The appointment of CHARLES M. WILDER, a white quadroon, (three quarters white,) of this city, to be Postmaster of Columbia, is felt by the the white race to be an offensive one to them as whites rather than as Democrats. It is conceded on all hands that President GRANT could not have found many men, white or black, of his party, who would have been less objectionable to the community; for though a negro—all colored persons are in general known as negroes, though not technically such—CHARLES M. WILDER is known to the community to have been an honest and industrious man, a carpenter by trade, of very limited education and quite moderate abilities. If tampering with politics for a couple of years has not corrupted the good that was in him, the two facts that he is a negro and of limited education are all that stand against him in the minds of the white race; whereas there are scores of white men who have risen into notice and position by means of appeals to the lowest prejudices of the negro and making him their tool, who would have been far more offensive to the community. These whites who use the negro for their own purposes are known here as scalawags. Besides these scalawags, there are scores of white men—lobbing politicians, unsuccessful preachers, and broken-down sharpers from the North—who have flocked in upon us to do what the scalawags do; and these too would have been more objectionable to respectable men, if appointed to the office of Postmaster, instead of WILDER. These latter fellows are called carpet-baggers. So that, I take it, since a purely party appointment must be made by the President, and a man from this community appointed, all decent men rather rejoice in the appointment of WILDER as Postmaster. That is to say, after some years' experiment with the political leaders of the South Carolina Radicals, our community—the whites—are prepared to rank the three classes of Radicals in the following order: 1. The negro, who is respected for doing the best he can for his race, although he unfortunately sometimes sacrifices principle in doing so. 2. The carpet-bagger, who, though a mere adventurer, and generally utterly unprincipled and unscrupulous as to his means, still is felt to be a sharper, whose aim is patent, and is to be treated as one growing rich on the misfortunes of others; and 3. The scalawag, who stands last and lowest, because he adds to the infamy of the carpet-bagger the treachery of being false to his home and friends and race. In considering this scale of estimation, the Northern reader needs to be reminded, probably, that the white race of this State is as a unit opposed to the present order of things—to the *régime* of the negroes; and while this does not necessarily make them Democrats, it does necessarily make them Anti-Radicals. And it is in this way that the white race to a man almost is called Democratic. The very few whites who have part in the present *régime* are all of them either from the North or resident carpet-baggers or scalawags. These terms, in their opprobrious nature, are of course not absolutely universal; but they are very nearly so—as nearly so as any other generalities ever are. In these remarks there is not the slightest reference to the immigrant from the North who has come here to live. Reference is made entirely to those adventurers who come to gamble in negro politics, and thus make fortunes out of a ruined State treasury. *These* are carpet-baggers. These come for the sole purpose of getting offices within the gift of the negro race. These fellows would be as utterly detested North as they are South, were they as well known. Public sentiment is getting more healthy every day; and the negro as a race is receiving a larger and larger share of sympathy and favor from the whites; while the adventurer, be he white or black, is beginning to feel the grip of outraged public opinion closing tighter and tighter around his veracious throat.

ITEMS.

A new and fine hotel—to be known as the Columbia Hotel—is to be opened in about ten days in this city. It is upon the main street, and quite central in its locality. For a couple of years there has been but one daily newspaper—the *Phœnix*—published in Columbia. Another—the *Guardian*—is announced for the first of May. Both these dailies are in politics what is known as conservative. A lecture by a spiritualist is announced for to-night. This is the first of its kind ever offered by a resident citizen.

BOISE.

The Art Sales at Goupil's.

The closing sale of the invoice of paintings, chromos, engravings, &c., forming the balance of stock of Mr. KNOEDLER, successor to GOUPIL & Co., took place at the salesrooms corner Broadway and Ninth-street, yesterday, commencing at 11 A. M. Mr. H. D. MOORE was the auctioneer. The engravings and chromos left unsold on Friday were first disposed of at very fair prices, after which Mr. MOORE put up the oil-paintings comprised in the invoice. These did not, in most instances, bring as high prices as they should have done; the bidding on them was not as spirited as on the chromos sold either yesterday or on Friday. The prominent pieces were disposed of at the following figures: Washington Crossing the Delaware, $64; Morning and Evening, (companion pieces,) after LANDSEER, $80 00 each; Cattle, after PAUL POTTER, (small,) $15; Still Life, $18; Sunday Morning, (German scene,) $20; Flemish Scene, $22 50; Rembrandt in His Studio, $23; The Pet Dove, $27 50; The Straw Hat, (a pastel piece,) large size, being an excellent portrait of the Empress EUGENIE in Summer dress, by BROCHAR, painted in Paris, $110; The Alps, by SCHENCK, $18; Landscape, by RONDEL, (small,) $22; The Blessed Virgin Appearing to St. Dominick, a small picture on porcelain, $30; Beatrice Cenci, (copy,) by INNESS, $26; Still Life, by BARTHOLD, $40 50; Sheep and Landscape, by FLAMM, two small pieces, $45 and $26; The Reaper, after FAED, $26. Besides these there were several small paintings by WYDEVELT, GAULE, DORCEY and LYER, which brought moderate prices.

Grammar School Exhibition.

An exhibition was given yesterday by the pupils of the female department of Grammar School No. 29, in Greenwich-street, near Rector-street. The object was to procure funds for additions to the school cabinet and library. The programme opened by a series of recitations by Mary Holman, Katy O'Connor, Nora Piggott, Bella and Louisa Jacquin and Emma Thompson, and by solos and duets by Emma and Lemmy Thompson, Sallie Hayes, Katie McCarthy, Bessie Welsh, Mary Curran, Theresa Donnelly, Frederic H. Nash and Maggie Connors. The exercises closed by two little plays called "Greenwich Seminary" and the "Grand Error," performed by different parts by the above young ladies. The latter piece comprised sundry ball-room dances, and closed with a comic scene.

The whole was under the superintendence of Miss CATHERINA WEITZ, the Principal. The children were well dressed and intelligent.

The trustees of the school are David Fox, Chas. F. Bergen, John C. Bailey, William Kenny and Patrick Baldwin.

National Guard News and Gossip.

The Seventh Regiment will parade, in full uniform, to-morrow evening, it being the eighth anniversary of the departure of the regiment from New-York to the defence of the National Capital. His Honor Mayor Hall, in behalf of the Corporation of the City of New-York, will present a stand of colors to the regiment. Roll-call of companies at 8 o'clock. Field and staff will report to the Colonel, and the non-commissioned staff and band will report to the Adjutant at 7:45 o'clock P. M. As every member of the regiment is expected to be present, in full uniform, the strength of the battalion will be unusually large. Members are required to remove their uniforms from the armory before 5 o'clock P. M. of the 19th inst., as the changing of clothing cannot be allowed in any part of the armory on the evening of that day. After the presentation of colors by the Mayor, the muskets will be immediately returned to the musket-racks, under the supervision of Captains of companies, and members will be allowed to exchange the uniform hat for the fatigue cap. The north staircase will be used for entrance to the large drill-room, and the south staircase for exit. No smoking will be allowed in the building. Members in full uniform, and ladies accompanying them, will be admitted to the armory without tickets. Extra tickets may be obtained from commandants of Companies. Members of the Veteran Corps will procure tickets from Colonel Cyrus H. Loutrel, No. 45 Maiden-lane. No hat or cloak-room will be provided, unless the weather is very unpleasant. The Committee of Arrangements have made great preparations and propose to have the entire armory decorated in the most lavish manner with a profusion of natural flowers, so that the entire interior will be a perfect bower. Thomas Nast's great picture in oil, depicting the departure of the Seventh from this City in 1861, *en route* for the National Capital, has been finished by the artist, and will be on exhibition during the evening.

Adjutant-General Townsend announces in recent orders that in accordance with the recommendation of the regimental, brigade and division commanders, and in further reduction of the force, as contemplated in chapter 651, law of 1868, the Third Regiment Infantry, National Guard of the State of New-York, is disbanded, and will be mustered out of the service of the active militia of the State. The provisions of General Orders No. 14, series of 1868, from General Headquarters, will be followed and govern in the disbandment and muster-out of this organization. Major-General Alexander Shaler, commanding First Division National Guard, will promulgate this order and see that the execution thereof is proceeded with at once.

Adjutant-General Anderson Grant, who served with the Twenty-second Regiment as Lieutenant-Colonel while that command was in the field, was recently tendered the position of Generalissimo and Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese military forces. He would have accepted the important position had not the English and French Ministers remonstrated with the Imperial Government, on the ground that an American already held the position of Chief Admiral of the Japanese Navy. General Grant is, however, Chief of Staff to the Japanese Commander-in-Chief and military instructor to the entire army of the Empire. An American officer holds high rank in the Haytian Army, and the High Admiral of President SALNAVE'S navy, and other Americans are in various high commands in the Chinese armies. We hear also that leading Confederate officers are identified with the insurgents in Cuba. Admiral TUCKER, of the Chilian and Peruvian Navies, was also an officer in our own navy. Our late war has been most prolific in the production of eminent military talent and other nations are availing themselves of the fact.

Colonel Clark, of the Seventh Regiment, announces that upon application of the commandant of Company K, Private Edward Foote is honorably discharged. The following members have been expelled from Company A: Charles A. Corson, Edward C. Tiffany and William C. Leonard.

In Special Orders No. 2, Headquarters First Brigade Cavalry, Brigadier-General Brooke Pendley states that he has heard and considered the appeal of Second Lieutenant Henry Abel, First Regiment Cavalry, from the proceedings of a Brigade Court-martial (whereof Colonel Henry Brinker is President,) imposing upon such appellant three several penalties: First—For not accepting the office of First Lieutenant, upon being elected thereto. Second—For ball tickets, First Regiment Cavalry, (which the appellant avers he never received.) Third—For not wearing epaulettes on parade, Nov. 25, 1868. The appeal of such appellant from the action of such Court imposing the two first-named penalties, is sustained. Such penalties being imposed without authority of law, are remitted. Ball tickets have nothing whatever to do with an officer's military duty. And no penalty is attached to the refusal of a commissioned officer to accept promotion to an office for the duties of which he may be unfitted. It would be more creditable, perhaps, if some officers accepting office, for which they are wholly unfitted, had the grace to decline. The excuse offered by the appellant, both before the Court and on appeal, for the "disobedience of orders" in appearing on the parade of Nov. 25, 1868, without his epaulettes, is insufficient. The appeal of such appellant from the proceedings of such Court, imposing such fine, is therefore dismissed.

On Wednesday evening Company C of the Twenty-second Regiment, presented their Captain, John H. Palmer, with a handsome gold American watch, as a mark of their esteem for him as an officer and a gentleman. Captain Palmer is an officer who will be greatly missed in the regiment, as he was always prompt and untiring in the discharge of his duties of his position. He has resigned the command of Company C in consequence of business engagements.

The following officers have been commissioned by the Commander-in-Chief in the National Guard, during the two weeks ending April 10: *Second Division.*—Henry Heath, Inspector, vice William J. Steele, retired with commanding officer. John E. Fay, ordnance officer, vice John B. Woodward, appointed Major-General. Robert R. Woodward, Commissary of Subsistence, vice Henry Heath, appointed Inspector. First Regiment of Infantry—Mortimer L. Mackenzie, Adjutant, reappointment. John Howard Gray, Quartermaster, vice John B. Pannis, retired with Colonel. Louis H. Todd, Commissary of Subsistance, vice J. Howard Gray appointed Quartermaster. Ninth Regiment of Infantry—Charles M. Schiefflin, Captain, vice John Peper, resigned. Eleventh Regiment of Infantry—George Stripps, Captain, vice Charles L. Halberstadt, resigned; George J. Dambmann, Second Lieutenant, vice Frederick Jooper, transferred. Twenty-second Regiment of Infantry—Radclif R. Lockwood, Captain, vice E. Suydam Grant, resigned; William C. Beeson, Captain, vice John J. Camp, promoted; Duncan K. Van Schaick, First Lieutenant, vice R. R. Lockwood, promoted. Thomas Comisky, First Lieutenant, vice L. Boardman, resigned. Forty-seventh Regiment Infantry—Edwin H. Johnson, First Lieutenant, vice D. W. Diedrich, resigned. Ambrose E. Bamer, Second Lieutenant, vice E. H. Johnson, promoted. John Eaton, First Lieutenant, vice W. Farington, resigned. Fifty-fourth Regiment of Infantry—John N. Weitzel, First Lieutenant, vice Adam Young, resigned. Peter Reinhard, Second Lieutenant, vice John N. Weitzel, promoted. Wm. N. Clark, Second-Lieutenant, vice C. H. Mathews, resigned. Sixty-fifth Regiment Infantry—John Yax, Second Lieutenant, vice Henry Lutz, failed to qualify; John C. Gram, Second Lieutenant, vice Frank Grabenstater, resigned.

The Third Brigade will have a field day some time next month, though at present the parade ground is undecided upon.

Colonel Meyer, of the Fifth Regiment, intends resigning at an early date. The regiment will make their annual parade to-morrow, in commemoration of Jefferson's birthday, and the command will be reviewed at the City Hall by Mayor Hall. General Burger, of the Second Brigade, will also review the regiment at Tompkins-square, and in the evening the officers will indulge in a banquet at their armory in Hester-street.

Jacob Fuchs, Chief of Line Cassions in Battery K, First Regiment Artillery, has been elected Second Lieutenant, vice Nicholas Henry, resigned.

On dit that Colonel Mason has signified a willingness to accept an election to the command of the Sixth Regiment, and we hope the rumor is true.

Major E. H. V. Kent, of the Washington Grey Cavalry, has returned to his first love, and is now drilling a squad with Company C, of the Twenty-second Regiment, his old command. "Corporal" Kent was warmly welcomed.

The Twenty-third (Brooklyn) Regiment will parade on the 6th of May, and be inspected and reviewed by General Messerole, of the Eleventh Brigade, at the Portland-avenue Arsenal. A promenade concert will close the evening's exercises.

The following resignations of officers have been accepted during the fortnight ending April 10: Colonel James Burt, Assistant Commissary-General of Ordnance, March 31. Second Division—Charles R. Hunter, Aid-de-Camp, April 5. First Brigade of Cavalry—William C. Trail, Commissary of Subsistence, April 5. First Regiment of Cavalry—George F. Hartman, Captain, April 5. Tenth Regiment of Infantry—Amos C. James, Second Lieutenant, April 5. Twenty-second Regiment of Infantry—Theodore P. Allen, First Lieutenant, March 31. John Brower, Captain, April 5. Twenty-sixth Regiment of Infantry—C. A. Strong, Captain, April 5; James H. Dodge, Second Lieutenant, April 5. Thirty-third Regiment of Infantry—Frederick L. Butterfield, Second Lieutenant, April 5. Forty-seventh Regiment of Infantry—Robert Henderson, Second Lieutenant, March 31. Fifty-first Regiment of Infantry—Henry C. Allewell, Captain, April 5.

The Second Brigade field day will take place at the Prospect Park parade ground in the last week of May.

Rev. Joseph D. Philip has been appointed Chaplain to the Fifty-sixth Regiment.

The members of the Seventy-first Regiment Veteran Association will have their first annual banquet at the Hoffman House next Wednesday, the affair being strictly private.

A meeting of the old members of the Ninth Regiment was held at the armory in Twenty-sixth-street on Monday evening last, when the chair was assumed by Brigadier-General Louis Hendrickson, who explained that the object of the meeting was to organize a Veterans Association; that the main purpose of the Association will be to promote the interests of the regiment as a militia organization, and also to foster a cordiality of feeling and friendship that should always exist among men who have shared so many trials and dangers together, and to derive all the benefits such an organization, properly conducted, always brings to its members. After appointing a Committee on By-laws and designating Mr. James A. O'Connor as Secretary pro tem. the meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

In Special Orders No. 30, the Adjutant-General announces that the General Court-martial, instituted by Special Orders No. 228, series of 1868, from headquarters, for the trial of Brigadier-General Philip S. Crooke, Fifth Brigade, Second Division, National Guard, of which Major-General Theodore B. Gates is President, is dissolved. Brigadier-General Philip S. Crooke is released from arrest, and will resume command of his brigade.

James T. Kilbreth is appointed Judge Advocate of the Third Brigade. A general Court-martial for the trial of delinquent commissioned officers and non-commissioned staff officers of the brigade is hereby appointed to convene at the armory of the Seventh Regiment, in the City of New-York, on Monday, 17th day of May, at 8 o'clock P. M. Detail for the Court—Colonel Wm. B. Allen, Fifty-fifth Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel A. P. Webster, First Regiment; Captain Wm. H. Kipp, Seventh Regiment. Judge-Advocate J. T. Kilbreth will also attend the meetings of this Court.

The Ninth Regiment intend serenading General Wilcox, Colonel commanding, next Wednesday evening, about 10 o'clock P. M., at his residence, Park-avenue, near Thirty-fourth-street. The full band are to turn out, and the regiment are ordered to appear in full fatigue, white cross-belts and white gloves, at the armory at 8 o'clock. There will be a preparatory drill in the armory in the manual of arms, loading, firing, &c. A non-commissioned officers' drill was held at the armory on Wednesday evening. Under Adjutant Albein, the sergeants show great proficiency in their duties.

The Amity-street Suicide.

Coroner FLYNN held an inquest yesterday afternoon over the remains of JOHN J. MILLER, the hatter, who committed suicide at No. 181 Amity-street, as already fully narrated in the TIMES. The *post mortem* examination was conducted by Deputy Coroner SMITH and Dr. KNOX, and they arrived at the conclusion that death had been caused by morphine. The clerk for Dr. O. S. FITZ, druggist, at No. 26 Sixth-avenue, testified that the deceased had presented a prescription in his own handwriting, and as MILLER had been an old-established druggist, the clerk had no hesitation in furnishing the drug. When the package had been made up and said the price announced, MILLER demurred to paying 50 cents and insisted upon a reduction. The clerk accepted 30 cents for the morphine, little dreaming that suicide was contemplated by his customer. No further developments were made, and the jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts.

Street Casualties.

MICHAEL BAKER, a native of Germany, aged 62, who last Monday fell through the hatchway of premises No. 19 Fulton-street, died yesterday at the New-York Hospital. The deceased resided at No. 174 Nassau-street, Brooklyn, and was in the employ of VANDERBILT & CO., at No. 23 Fulton-street. Coroner FLYNN will hold an inquest.

CHAS. F. HEINER, a Prussian emigrant, fell off the bulkhead at Castle Garden yesterday, and was fortunately rescued from drowning by the policeman stationed there.

ZAVIER EGEL, a laborer, fell through the hatchway of No. 99 Water-street yesterday, and sustained dangerous injuries. He was taken to his home in Hoboken.

DANIEL LACEY, of No. 336 East Eleventh-street, was thrown from his wagon by a horse running away in Fourth-avenue, near Tenth-street. LACEY was dangerously injured, and was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

MICHAEL SULLIVAN, of No. 180 Cherry-street, was knocked down and severely injured by a truck yesterday near his residence.

Supposed Attempts to Swindle.

Within the last few days a large number of the leading firms of this City have received letters requesting that small quantities of goods might be sent on at once to the writer, and stating that the amount due thereon would be at once remitted. In several cases the goods ordered were four ounces of quinine, worth about $6 per ounce; in other cases half a gross of lead pencils, and in others small quantities of perfumery or patent medicines. The letters were written on note paper bearing the printed headings of "CHARLES H. BALLARD, Manufacturer of Firearms, Armory, Milford, Conn.," or of "EDGAR REMINGTON, Armory, Norwich, Conn."

Mr. REMINGTON is a prominent manufacturer of firearms, but it is known that the orders do not come from him. Mr. BALLARD has retired from business some time ago. It is, of course, just possible that the orders may be genuine; but, on the other hand, there is good reason to believe that the writers are swindlers on a small scale, who are using the names of honest and well-known gentlemen to cover their nefarious designs.

Although the letters have different signatures, they all appear to be written by the same person.

Old New-York.

The old well, known as the Manhattan Well, down which was thrown the corpse of GULIELMA SANDS, murdered, as is believed, by her lover, LEVI WEEKS, some seventy years ago, and the locality of which had been forgotten, has been rediscovered by the occupant of the building No. 115 Spring-street. The well was found while the flower-garden of No. 115 was being dug. It is of large diameter, and was covered over with large flat stones.

The supposed murderer invited the girl SANDS to take a ride with him one Winter's evening, and that was the last seen of her alive. WEEKS was tried for the murder, and was defended by AARON BURR, ALEXANDER HAMILTON and EDWARD P. LIVINGSTON. The evidence was insufficient to convict, but he found it convenient to leave the City as soon as the trial was concluded.

The old well was known to exist, but its precise location had passed from the memory of the "oldest inhabitant."

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

At 4 o'clock A. M. yesterday a fire occurred in the basement of the three-story building Nos. 29 and 31 King-street, owned by JOHN RUSSELL and occupied by ELIAS WOODBRIDGE, cabinet maker. The flames originated from the explosion of a kerosene-oil lamp, and occasioned a damage of $200 on stock and $200 on building, all covered by insurance.

The following are the names of the officers of Eagle Base-ball Club, of this City for the present year: W. F. NORTON, President; F. C. MCELROY, Vice-President; T. H. GANGHAN, Secretary; H. BELLOWS, Treasurer; Directors, Messrs. KANE, STEVENS and BELLOWS; Delegates, Messrs. H. A. VINT and F. C. MCELROY; Board of Inquiry, DALY, THOMSON and ARGONNE.

New and improved sleeping coaches, of the style so widely and popularly known for their comfort and elegant appointments, have been placed upon the line Erie, and are run through without change to Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dunkirk, Buffalo and Rochester. A conductor accompanies each coach through to destination, and passengers remain in undisturbed possession of their selected sections or state-rooms during the entire trip. These advantages and its broad-gauge command this route to the patronage of all travelers, and especially to ladies and families.

The body of an unknown man was found yesterday morning in the East River, at Pier No. 35, and removed to the Morgue for identification and inquest by Coroner FLYNN.

A fire occurred yesterday morning in the kindling-wood factory, Nos. 440 and 442 Eleventh-avenue. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Loss $100, no insurance.

Dr. FRED. MEYER'S son, aged 4, fell from a third-story window of his father's residence, No. 147 East Eighty-third-street, yesterday afternoon, and sustained dangerous injuries.

At 6 o'clock last evening a fire broke out on the second floor of the tenement-house No. 122 Thirty-second-street, occupied by a kerosene lamp exploding. The occupant, LOUIS GOLDMEYER, sustained a loss of $100.

The Eighth Ward Police arrested ISAAC HATCH, aged 16, yesterday afternoon, on a charge of shooting JAMES MACKERSON, aged 10, in the face with a pistol loaded with buckshot. The prisoner is detained for further examination.

A fire occurred yesterday morning in the rear building No. 31 King-street, occupied by E. WOODBRIDGE as a cabinet shop, when a damage of $600 was occasioned.

The dead body of an infant was found yesterday in Forsyth-street.

Brooklyn.

The number of arrests made by the Brooklyn Police during the past week was 302.

Mr. J. S. MACKEY, broker, at No. 20 Court-street, received a check from a young man yesterday morning for $200, which he pushed promptly. The check turns out to be a forgery, and Mr. MACKEY would feel obliged to the aforesaid young man if he would turn up.

THOS. SLAVIN was arrested by Officer COWAN, of the Forty-second Precinct, yesterday afternoon, on the charge of having assaulted JOHN CARROLL with a club and firing shot, at the corner of Water and Jay streets, where there is a drinking saloon, in which the alleged assailant was a bartender. The accused was locked up.

JOHN DEVLIN, a tailor, 50 years of age, and residing at No. 169 Degraw-street, was arrested yesterday by Officer SUTTON, of the Forty-third Precinct, on a charge of felonious assault, for cutting the chief William Wilson of the same precinct with a knife and cutting her head in two places with the log of a chair. The bleeding victim was taken to the Long Island College Hospital, and her reputed assailant was locked up to await examination.

New-Jersey.

Chief of Police FOWLER, of Jersey City, having refused to deliver to the Coroners the effects of a Swede, named ANTON ALGOE, who committed suicide, Coroner WARNER applied to the Surrogate's office, yesterday, obtained the necessary papers, and administered on the man's effects.

The Jersey City Saengerrunde held a meeting on Friday evening to consider the subject of sending a delegation to Charleston, S. C., to take part in the grand Saengerbund to be held there in June.

A complimentary supper was given on Friday night at the factory of CORNELIUS WALSH & SON, corner of Railroad avenue and Hamilton-street, Newark, to Mr. JOSIAH WALES, Superintendent of the establishment. Over 200 employes and a large number of invited guests assembled and spent a very pleasant evening.

An inquest was held on Friday night before Coroner LANG, of Newark, on the body of GEORGE SCHWERR, found in a boiler in the zinc works of that city. SCHWERR was a boiler cleaner at the works, and was found dead a few days since, his body in and his hands and head outside the boiler. The jury found that death was caused by asphyxia, from the inhalation of poisonous gases, and particularly carbonic oxide.

Two well-dressed young men entered recently Mr. BALDWIN'S store, No. 198 Market-street, Newark, and while one engrossed the attention of the clerk, the other stole over $100 from the till besides checks for twice that amount.

JAS. GULICK and HENRY SHELLY, of No. 82 Nesbitt-street, Newark, were arrested last evening as suspicious characters. They were discovered near a file factory, which was found open, but nothing having been missed, they were discharged.

At the Hackensack Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday, SAM SUTTON, the negro murderer of CESAR ZABRISKIE, was ordered to be hanged on the 28th of June. The Court directed the Sheriff to observe the statute strictly at the execution—viz., that he be hanged in the prison, or in an inclosure adjoining the prison.

Our readers should not fail to see the new styles of Boys' Clothing, corner Canal and Broadway, where BALDWIN, the clothier, caters for the million, and sells at one price. Lowest in the City.—*Evening Mail.*

LAW REPORTS.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

Before Commissioner Betts.

John H. Whitton was brought before the Commissioner for examination on a charge of having counterfeit money. Last January he gave Henry Benjamin a counterfeit $50 bill in part payment for a horse. He protested that he did not know the bill was bad, but when he was arrested last Thursday by Officer Applegate a counterfeit $5 bill and some counterfeit money were found in his pockets. Commissioner BETTS committed him for trial.

ANOTHER BOUNTY SWINDLE.

Thomas F. Fox was charged by Mary Reynolds with obtaining the back pay due her deceased husband and withholding it from her. Thomas Brown, a clerk for her father, corroborated the story. The case will be examined further on the 23d.

Before Commissioner Osborn.

Stephen Sherlock, George Schneider and Jones Ford were brought up for running a distillery without a license.

Twenty *Anderson*, Assistant Assessor of the Thirty-second District, testified that Sherlock had what was ostensibly a vinegar factory at Nos. 188 and 190 East Twenty-fifth-street; Schneider was employed there, and Ford drove a vinegar wagon belonging to the concern. On the 8th instant he witnessed saw a number of barrels unloaded from an express wagon at the defendants' place; on the 9th he saw another express wagon unloaded at the same place; on the 12th he saw 10 barrels loaded there, and on the 13th another double truck load of the same barrels; the last load mentioned consisted of six barrels looking like whisky barrels; the witness opened the place and found stills, worms, &c. The barrels did contain whisky and were without stamps; altogether, there were 115 barrels of whisky there, and 300 barrels of vinegar.

Benjamin F. Clayton, another Assistant Assessor, confirmed the story of the first witness. The examination will be continued on the 20th.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—APRIL 17.

Before Judge Sutherland.

THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF JUSTICES OF DISTRICT COURTS IN THIS CITY—WHAT NUMBER CONSTITUTES A JURY!—IMPORTANT DECISION.

The People ex rel. The Metropolitan Board of Health vs. Theddeus H. Lane, Justice, &c., (transcript.)—The Board of Health brought two actions before Justice Lane, for penalties; one against Dr. Ramsey for an aggregate of penalties amounting to $200, for not making the proper reports to them of deaths, and one against Thomas B. Kerr, for penalties under the Tenement-house act, amounting to $100. In Ramsey's case, the defendant appeared, joined issue, demanded a jury trial, took one or two affidavits, adjourned, and then insisted that he was entitled to a jury of twelve men under the Constitution. Justice Lane decided that he was so entitled, but that he had no power to impanel a jury of more than six; and therefore could not proceed with the case. In the case of Kerr, on the joining of issue before the same Justice, the defendant made a similar demand and Judge Lane made a similar decision.

The Board of Health thereupon applied to the Supreme Court for a *mandamus* in each case, to compel Justice Lane to proceed, and the motion was argued at great length some days, a report of which was published in the TIMES.

Mr. Justice Sutherland has now rendered a decision in the case, of which the following is an abstract of all the material parts:

The suit against Ramsey is brought under section of the act of 1857, extending the authority of the District Courts in the City of New-York, exercising the jurisdiction of the District Courts are statutory Courts, and the Justice was therefore right in deciding that he could not hold Court with twelve jurors. The real question was, therefore, whether the act of 1857 and other acts authorizing the trial of cases in Justices' Courts, was constitutional. The clause of the Constitution of 1846, relied on by the defendant, was this: "The trial by jury in all cases in which it has been heretofore used, shall remain inviolate forever, but a jury trial may be waived by the parties in all civil cases in the manner to be provided by law." There was no doubt that this meant a common law jury of twelve men. They had been held by the Court of Appeals in several cases, but they had also held it was not the purpose of the provision to perpetuate any other and special trials by jury of twelve men. Trials without jury or with a jury of six men were known before the adoption of the Constitution of 1846; there had been many acts of this kind. In 1813 jurisdiction of Justices' Courts with a jury of six was given, where the claim did not exceed $20. The act of 1820 extended this to $50. The Revised Statutes continued this jurisdiction. After the Constitution of 1846 various changes were made in the names, but not in the essentials, of these inferior courts, the act of April, 1857, extending their jurisdiction to $200. Judge SUTHERLAND therefore decides that, as to Kerr's case, being but for $100, the action is the exercise of constitutionality and a trial can be compelled with but six jurors.

As to the other case where $50 is involved, he holds the act of 1857 does not violate Ramsey's constitutional right to a trial of the issues by a common law jury of twelve men, for by the third sub-division of the third section of the act, he had and has the right at any time after issue joined, and before the trial, to remove the action to the Court of Common Pleas, where he can have a trial by a jury of twelve men upon executing an undertaking to the plaintiff, with one or more sureties, to be approved by the justices. I do not think, concludes Judge SUTHERLAND, that these terms, upon which he can have a jury of twelve, should be regarded as such a clog upon his constitutional right to a trial by a jury of twelve as to be a violation of it. Moreover, Ramsey did not claim a right to a jury of twelve at the time issue was joined, nor until several adjournments; but at the time issue was joined he did demand a trial by jury, which meant such a jury trial as he could have in that Court. Now, I am not sure that it cannot be said that Ramsey waived any right to a jury of twelve otherwise than by complying with the terms mentioned in section 3 of the act of 1857. The learned Judge concluded as follows: "Upon the whole, I think both motions should be granted, without costs, but the mandamus in the case of Ramsey must be that Justice Lane try and dispose of the action with a jury of six, unless Ramsey remove the action to the Court of Common Pleas, under the act of 1857, before the commencement of the trial in the District Court."

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—APRIL 17.

By Judge Cardozo.

Hunter vs. Hunter et al.; findings settled, &c.

In the matter of the petition of Sarah F. Comfort for leave to sell, &c.; report confirmed and order granted.

In the matter of St. Thomas' Church of New-York; report confirmed and order granted.

By Judge Sutherland.

The People ex rel., the Metropolitan Board of Health vs. Theddeus H. Lane, Justice, &c.; motion must be granted without costs. See opinion.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Before Justice Dowling.

There were upon the calendar yesterday fourteen cases of petit larceny, eleven of assault and battery, one of cruelty to animals, and one of keeping disorderly house, and not one of the twenty-seven would have developed anything of interest but for the adroit management of the presiding Magistrate.

A FIGHT FOR THE RULES.

JAMES KING called at eleven o'clock at night to see a friend at his boarding-house, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, the landlady, denied him admission. He persisted to be contrary to the rules of the house, and she contended that when she attempted to close the door, King "put his trap into the door, where he boisterously assaulted me, getting 'in' inside his 'tap' of my 'cash' and 'cutting' me down hands, my 'cheeks' and 'face' the Redbird came 'up' and took him off." The officer described that when he arrived he found King surrounded by several females, robed only in the trailing garments of the night, and Mrs. Wood admitted that she was armed with a club, and had threatened to knock the intruder down. Thereupon the Justice found King guilty, but suspended judgment and discharged him, with a warning not to again attempt to visit a friend under such difficulties.

THE STOCK GAME.

Peter McDonald met an errand-boy, named Berthold Diemer, carrying a bundle of shirts, and induced him, by the payment of twenty-five cents, to take a message a short distance. McDonald kindly offered to hold the bundle until he came back. The boy went, and, of course, never saw his shirts or McDonald. The shirts and McDonald had disappeared. The errand-boy's operator was however, subsequently arrested, and when the chief William Wilson of the same precinct of four months, was also asked to buy A box of lot.

A NEW REMEMBRANCER.

William Knapp was charged by Officer Richardson of the Fourteenth Precinct, with keeping a disorderly house at No. 128 Court-street. Captain Jenkins, of the Fourteenth Precinct, was called as a witness, and stated that his attention was attracted to the place by a complaint made against it by the Rev. Dr. Cuyler, and he had ordered the place closed. The Magistrate held the accused for trial.

Essex Market—Handley, Justice.

CAUGHT BY A BELL.

The meat box of the restaurant No. 81 Bowery, having been regularly robbed for a long time by the proprietor, to a large amount of detection, the thief, attached an alarm bell to the box. On Friday morning the bell began its fearful warning, and the famished hurrying to the spot found one Joseph Meyer in the act of taking out a joint of meat. The proof was conclusive and the culprit was committed.

Jefferson Market—Dodge, Justice.

LARCENY.

Detective Lidgate of the Fifteenth Precinct, arrested one Mary Kiernan upon the complaint of REBECCA R. Stewart, No. 157 Greenwich-street, who charged that clothing worth $60 had been stolen from her premises, and that the prisoner as an inmate of the house had the opportunity to take it. The stock, found the stolen property was found in possession of the accused, but she was committed for trial at the General Sessions.

SURROGATE'S COURT.

Before Gideon J. Tucker, Esq., Surrogate.

The following wills were admitted during the week ending April 17, 1869: Charlotte M. Burlock, Grove B. West, John A. Isaits, Charles L. Carpenter, Edward Cleary, Julius Lane, Emilie Smith.

Letters of administration were granted on estates of John Burns, Catharine Trahey, Henry Muller, John Curtis, Regina Rhoades, Gottlieb Bogel, Sarah Beach, Stephen Lain, George Miller, George Mulder, Geo. Grale Clarke, Mary Wood, Moses Leopold, Hannah Meirifill, Theodore Rogers, Simon Scully, Thomas Scott, Francis D. Devall, James Franklin, Ann Hogan, Patrick J. Malone, Julia Newman, Rachel Adam, Mary Devinney, Abel Townes, John Hynes, Felix Roche, Ebenezer Smith, Helena Sauerbach.

SURROGATE'S COURT—BROOKLYN.

Before Hon. W. D. Veader.

WILLS PROVED.

Jonathan Saul, Garret Cassidy, Peter Schwarz, Sarah E. Hayes and Norman Campbell, all of the City of Brooklyn.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

Letters of administration were granted in the estates of the following-named deceased persons, viz.: Emma S. Williamson of the Town of Greenpoint; Elizabeth Jane Potter, Thomas Aikmann, Andrew Armstrong, Bridget Lee, Catharine Jacobs and Elisha Sands, all of the City of Brooklyn.

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP.

Letters of guardianship of the estate of Clara N. Haynes and Charles F. Haynes were granted to Henry W. Mitchell; of Clara Van Cleef to William H. Lewis; of Ella Hayman and Lavinia Newman to Simon Cano; of Julius M. Roeder, John Roeder, Ferdinand Roeder and Joseph Roeder, to their mother; of Mary A. Roberts and Charles E. Roberts to Susan A. Smith; of Mary E. Ward, John Ferguson; of Caroline C. Phelps and Hannah A. Phelps to Cornelia C. Phelps, their mother; and of Edward J. Sherman and